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BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT TOWN

The regular meeting of the G. A. R. will be held this evening.

There was no session of the public schools Monday morning owing to the condition of the weather.

Fifteen candidates took the examination for clerk-carrier at the post-office on Tuesday of this week.

Cecil Bancroft, the registrar of Phillips Academy has left for the Bermudas on account of poor health.

The next tournament between the Andover and North Andover clubs will be held next Friday evening, March 11.

The Rev. R. LeBlanc Lynch has accepted the invitation to become the pastor of St. James' church, Woodstock, Vt.

An illuminated sign has been placed on the front of the Musgrave building which reads, "I. O. O. F. Hall, Lodge 230."

The speaker at Christ church last night was Prof. H. E. W. Fosbrooke of the Episcopal Theological School, of Cambridge.

Andover lodge, I. O. O. F., was represented at the working of the second degree at the Methuen lodge on Monday night.

The foreign missionary society of the Free church met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. B. Goff, on Whittier street.

Mrs. Annie M. Warr has moved from the tenement over Whiting's store, where she has made her home, and for the present is boarding.

Next Monday, Ralph D. Paine will speak at the November club on the subject, "Recollections of a War Correspondent in the Boxer Campaign."

Miss Grace Livingston will leave the employ of the Tyer Rubber Co. tomorrow and intends next week to take up new work with a Lawrence firm.

Rev. Markham W. Stackpole gave an interesting talk on "Lieutenant Governor Phillips," at the North Andover club house on Sunday afternoon.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Berry, field secretary of the McAll mission, will give a stereopticon talk at Abbot Hall on France and the work of the McAll mission.

A very pleasant evening is anticipated by the sons and daughters of Pynchard who hold their annual reunion and business meeting to-night in Pynchard hall.

Miss J. T. Bumstead will speak on "Missions in Mexico and South America," next Friday, March 11, at Christ church rectory at three o'clock. All women of the parish are cordially invited.

Mrs. Mary Dalton of the Metropolitan is to move into the house on Main street which was vacated this week by Austin S. Poland and his family. Repairs are being made in the house at present.

The fragrant cluster of pear blossoms, the first of the season, which were brought into the Townsman office on Monday from the estate of Peter D. Smith, was a pleasant reminder that the winter is almost over and spring is coming.

At a recent convention of the Chemists' Association held in the auditorium of the Shredded Wheat company at Niagara Falls, Roy W. Lindsay, one of Andover's well-known young men, spoke on the subject, "The Chemist with the Varnish Maker."

Mary and Heman Peirce, the children of Mr. and Mrs. H. Winthrop Peirce, of Morton street, entertained fifteen of their little friends at their home on Thursday afternoon. The gathering was in honor of little Miss Peirce's birthday.

Last evening Dr. Peabody gave another of his interesting lectures in the Archaeology building. This time his subject was "The Stone and Metal Ages in Great Britain, Stonehenge and Carnac." His lecture was profusely illustrated and especially instructive as Dr. Peabody has made a thorough study of the subject.

On St. Patrick's evening, March 17, in the town hall, Dr. James T. Gallagher will give a lecture entitled "The Picturesque and Legendary Ireland." Dr. Gallagher is a well-known poet, physician and lecturer of Boston, and all those who attend may be assured of an instructive and interesting evening.

The series of Phillips organ recitals which have been so much enjoyed this winter has an end, as all good things do. That end will come on March 16. This leaves only two more recitals, one on the 9th, and one on the 16th. Those who have not attended the ones which have been given will do well to take advantage of the opportunities that remain.

Town Clerk Marland was the victim of a painful and unfortunate accident the first of the week the effect of which may be felt for some time. Mr. Marland was engaged in repairing a table and while endeavoring to remove the castors, one of them struck his eyeglasses breaking them so that a piece of the glass cut his eye. The injury was so painful and the outcome so uncertain that Mr. Marland has remained in his house for a few days.

Miss Ora Ward of Stoughton spent Sunday with friends in town.

The Andover club held a regular meeting on Wednesday night.

The number of books issued at the Memorial Hall library during February was 2806.

Miss May Bartlett is one of the more recent victims of that prevalent disease, the mumps.

Miss Etta O'Brien of Lewiston, Me., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse West.

The mother of Mrs. Frank E. Wright, wife of the local expressman, is quite ill in Boston.

Miss Florence Mears has returned to her work after having been ill at her home for two weeks.

W. A. Allen has returned to Andover, after having spent several days with his brother in Hanover, N. H.

Mrs. James Anderson of High St., recently received word of the death of her eldest sister in Montrose, Scotland.

Mrs. Frank H. E. Kendall, who recently underwent an operation at a Brookline hospital, is thought to be improving.

The Helping Hand Society of the Free church met at Mrs. R. G. Dodson's on Haverhill street on Tuesday afternoon.

Castle Excalibur, K. O. K. A., of the South church held a pleasant social Friday evening which was much enjoyed by those present.

At the next communication of St. Matthew's lodge which will take place next Monday evening, visitors from Everett will be entertained.

There will be a meeting of the South church primary children on Saturday in the primary room at 2.30. A large attendance is desired.

Miss Laura Farnum has been spending several days with her sister in Concord, N. H. She returned to Andover the first of the week.

T. E. Rhodes served one of his well-known suppers at the meeting of Kearsarge encampment, I. O. O. F., in Lawrence, last Friday evening.

Dr. John Bowker, whose interesting lecture on Portugal is still fresh in the minds of Andover people, intends to sail for Europe within a few weeks.

The many friends and acquaintances of H. P. Wright, the former shoe dealer here in Andover, will be sorry to learn that he has been quite ill for the past fortnight.

At the last regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus Rev. Fr. Rorion favored those present with a very interesting lecture on the subject of Columbus.

Wednesday at the Indian Ridge kindergarten, Miss Etta Merritt Graves, a former kindergarten in town, talked of her trip to the land of Evangeline. It was a most interesting lecture, given in Miss Graves' pleasing manner. Tea was served by Mrs. Frazer and Mrs. Gothrie.

The regular meeting of the Workmen was held Monday evening. The members of the lodge are planning to hold a ball after Lent and appointed the following committee to take charge of the affair: Frank M. Smith, J. Wagner of North Andover, Robert Taylor, James Callahan, and Daniel Webster.

The Sunday evening service at the South church was one of especial interest, as a quartet of children from the Little Wanderers' Home in Boston, together with Dr. Knight, the president of the Home, were present. The children, two girls and two boys, sang very sweetly, and Dr. Knight spoke in regard to the work of the institution. A collection was taken to defray expenses.

The monthly service in Abbott Village hall will be held next Sunday evening.

The annual meeting of the members of the South church parish will be held next Thursday evening.

The Andover and Exeter combined musical clubs will give their annual concert March 19, in the town hall.

Charlotte Baldwin, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Baldwin of Summer street, is quite ill with measles.

Over a dozen members of Andover lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Lawrence last night and attended the meeting of Rebekahs there.

The Men's club of the Free church is invited to enjoy the hospitality of the South Congregational Men's club of Lawrence next Monday night.

Olin Richardson, the fourteen-year-old son of A. P. Richardson, entertained fifteen of his friends at a birthday party at his home on Park street, Thursday evening.

The dance held last night by the Oddfellows in Pilgrim hall was as usual an enjoyable affair. Although there was not a large attendance, the party present passed a very pleasant evening.

The Free church ladies will hold their last public supper for the season next Friday night, with the unique entertainment of "Fireside Pictures." Tickets for adults, 25 cents; for children under twelve, 15 cents.

Scott T. Shattuck has gone into the express business for himself. For many years he was employed by B. B. Tuttle and later by Charles Emerson. Orders may be left at the Park street stables.

Wauwinet lodge, I. O. O. F., of North Andover will work the first degree on candidates from Andover, Methuen and North Andover on Wednesday evening, March 9, in their lodge room. The next week, on the 16th, a Past Grand night will be held and the second degree worked.

The Andover Dramatic club has decided to again present the Scottish drama, "Hazel Kirke," in the town hall, Friday evening, April 22. Miss Chris Cunningham, the well-known Scotch soprano, will take the leading role and the other parts are all in capable hands. Dancing will follow the play. Tickets will be placed on sale later.

Ian MacLaren's story, "His Mother's Sermon," will be given with illustrations at the South church on Sunday night at 7.30. John MacDonald will be the reader, and the music will be sung by a double quartet consisting of Miss Florence West and Miss Maudie Erving, sopranos; Miss Ethel West and Miss Helen Bell, altos; George White and Frederick Cheever, tenors; Frank Smith and Archibald Tyler, basses.

Andover C. & F. C. vs. Clan McPherson

Teams representing the Andover C. & F. C. and Clan McPherson, will play a friendly game of association football on Burnham park, Lawrence, tomorrow afternoon, weather permitting. Kick-off at 2.45 o'clock. The teams are evenly matched, and lovers of the sport can count upon seeing some fast play.

New Voters Registered

At the meeting of the registrars held Saturday the following voters registered:

Clarence D. Lindsay, Varanese A. Libby, Joseph S. Chambers, Sydney F. Marchman, James P. Donovan, John W. Henderson, Harold S. Jackson, Rev. Harry Taylor, John B. Hart, John H. McNally.

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A PROSPEROUS YEAR

The American Woolen Company Had
A Good Year in 1919. President
Wood's Annual Report

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Woolen Company was held this week. The same officials were chosen for the ensuing year, and a note of satisfaction marked the annual review of business. Andover people will be interested and pleased over the excellent showing of the company as contained in President Wood's annual report, which was as follows:

To the Stockholders:
The year 1919 will pass into history as a favorable one to our industry. The anticipation of your directors made in our last report was amply verified.

Although the orders for goods were unprecedented in the months of January and February and were immediately put into the machinery (a great portion of which was still idle, recovering from the effects of the 1907 panic) it was not until well into March that the goods began to come from the looms for market. This lapse of time is reflected in the sales, which, but for that interruption, would undoubtedly have been the greatest in its history. As it was, the Company's sales and income amounted to approximately \$48,000,000, against \$29,000,000 the previous year.

The year 1919 opened with prospects which appeared nearly as bright as those of the previous year, but at this writing the outlook is somewhat obscure because of the uncertainty of the effect of the expected decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the two pending cases under the Sherman Anti-trust act.

There has already been a faltering in orders for goods caused by the conservative action of the merchants of the country in placing their orders, but notwithstanding this we have every reason to expect a good volume of business and have prepared ourselves to handle it. The advance sales of cloth have been provided for by engagements of wool in anticipation of our wants.

This Company depends upon a large volume of business for its success; the margin of profit is small, and while an endeavor has been made to create an impression reflecting upon the greed of the woolen and worsted manufacturers, the fact remains that the average profit for the last five years upon the cloth made by this Company that enters into a suit of clothes will average less than 40 cents per suit of clothes. Certainly, considering the risks involved, the large amount of capital necessary for the conduct of the business, fluctuations in the raw material, and the necessity of a large volume of business to employ all its machinery, and fair-minded person cannot consider this profit unreasonable. If the price of cloth appears high, one must look elsewhere for the cause.

The Company's Popularity with the Trade

In the ten years' existence of your Company, we have passed through several years of depression and panic, but such periods have only served to cement the friendly relationship now existing with the trade in general, for at such times many a customer has found the American Woolen Co. not a grasping monopoly, but a bulwark of strength, ready to extend a helping hand.

When the American Woolen Co. was formed ten years ago, there were many prophecies of failure, but our organization has been of great assistance in elevating the woolen business from a chaotic state to a firm position among the greatest of American industries, and the steady growth in the volume of our business attests the loyalty and good will of the trade in general.

Wool

The price advance in wool, our main raw material, for this season's goods has been about 25 per cent over wools provided for the corresponding season's goods of a year ago.

Return to Popularity of Woolen Goods

While woolen goods have been out of favor for several years, the present year shows a return to popularity of woolen goods, with a less demand, perhaps, for cotton adulterated goods, which are being superseded by all woolen fabrics. As to worsteds, our faith in the demand for these fabrics is unabated, and we look for a substantial and continued growth in the line of manufacture of these desirable fabrics. In other words, we anticipate a return to the days when both fabrics will be wanted, and both our woolen and worsted machinery will be fully occupied.

The Wood Worsted Mills and the Ayer Mills

The Wood Worsted and Ayer Mills have a separate corporate existence, but their entire capital stock, excepting one share to each director as required by law, is owned by the American Woolen Co. The business of the Wood Worsted Mills is not included in the American Woolen Company's report. The Ayer Mills are now in process of construction, and the management anticipate having them in operation by July 1, 1920. It is planned to keep the business of both the Wood Worsted and Ayer Mills separate, until the earnings of each of the mills have been sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness represented by the outstanding coupon notes. After this is accomplished, the earnings of the two mills will be included in the earnings of the American Woolen Company. In the meantime, each mill will be allowed to work out its own financing, and in the case of the Wood Worsted Mills, this financial policy is being successfully demonstrated.

A Ten Year Record

The report here presented is the tenth full Annual Report of the Company, the first report—that of 1899—covering only nine and one-half months' operations. The Company has, during the period of its existence covering ten years, done an aggregate business of \$424,536,030.88; has earned, as shown by reports, \$37,107,559.57; has paid out in dividends on its preferred shares, quarterly, without an interruption, \$18,800,000; has charged to depreciation, \$7,986,374.82; has created a surplus of \$10,514,808.23, and has increased the wages of its employees, without any interval of decrease in wages, some 25 per cent.

The growth of the Company's business from \$20,000,000 in 1899 to \$51,000,000 in 1919, has been most gratifying. This increase has of necessity required a largely increased working capital, and this has been accomplished by an increase in the preferred stock from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

All the plants of the American Woolen Company are free from leases, mortgages and bonded indebtedness.

The Company carries full insurance on all its properties, materials and fabrics. In addition to the fire insurance the Company is protected by insurance against costs or damages arising from injuries to its employees and others.

The physical condition of the property never was better. Improvements have been made in all the plants of the Company, and in many mills modern, up-to-date equipment has been substituted for all of the original machinery.

The improvements installed and the new mills built have brought the capacity of the Company up to a high state of efficiency.

WM. M. WOOD,
President.

A WEEK OF BOWLING

How the Local Bowlers Are Progressing in the Championship Games

R. C. O. A. vs. Andover Club

The R. C. O. A. inflicted a heavy defeat on the Andover club on Tuesday evening. Roggerman of the Andover club had the highest individual string, scoring 113. Other high rollers were Donald and Hardy. The summary:

R. C. O. A.			
Saunders	90	84	257
Donald	83	88	282
Hammond	99	81	275
Hardy	101	88	280
Sellers	94	93	279

Totals			
467	434	472	1373

ANDOVER CLUB

Roggerman	75	113	82	270
Clark	85	91	65	240
Cole	74	79	81	234
Dane	75	77	90	242
Flanders	95	82	80	257

Totals			
404	442	398	1244

Clans Won

On Wednesday night the Clans defeated the Tyer Rubber Co. team by 32 points, their respective scores being 1260 and 1228. Cairnie of the Clans had the largest score. The scores:

Thursday night's game of last week was won by the R. C. O. A. by a score of 1262 to 1220 for the Tyer Rubber Co. The summary:

	R. C. O. A.			
Saunders	72	88	85	245
Donald	78	86	88	252
Hammond	03	88	76	267

Totals			
421	415	424	1260

TYER RUBBER CO.

Lewallyn	78	86	77	241
Riddoch	71	100	81	252
Angus	85	72	82	239
Germain	65	93	87	245
Rhodes	80	83	88	251

Total			
379	434	405	1228

R. C. O. A. Won

Thursday night's game of last week was won by the R. C. O. A. by a score of 1262 to 1220 for the Tyer Rubber Co. The summary:

The Andover team have won two from Smith & Dove spinning room.

North Andover Club Won

On Friday evening the Andover and North Andover clubs met in a

Totals			
409	443	410	1262

TYER RUBBER CO.

Lewallyn	91	91	86	268
Riddoch	95	74	82	251
Angus	84	69	75	228
Germain	75	71	93	239
Rhodes	79	71	84	234

Totals			
424	376	420	1220

Inter-Association Bowling League

1919-'20

Club	Games	Pts.	Pts.
	Pld.	Won	Lost
Andover Guild Boys' Club	9	26	10
Lawrence Boys' Club	9	25	11
Methuen Y. M. C. A.	9	19	17
North Andover Boys' Club	9	16	20
Lawrence Y. M. C. A.	9	13	23
Grace Church, Lawrence	9	0	36

Our bowling team have also won two games from the "Royals" and two from the Tyer Rubber Co.

The Middlers' team have won two from Smith & Dove spinning room.

North Andover Club Won

On Friday evening the Andover and North Andover clubs met in a

friendly tournament at the latter's club rooms and engaged in whist and bowling, with the result that North Andover won. The scores of the games are given below:

WHIST			
NORTH ANDOVER			
Carey and Rea		30	18
Duncan and Badger		27	—
Reynolds and Stillings		27	—
Total			
		75	—

ANDOVER			
Messer and Whitten		16	—
Harrington and Hitchcock		29	—
Flint and Bowman		26	—
Total			
		71	—

Shackleton	79	77	88	244
Ralph	79	93	89	261
Curley	80	77	74	231
Miller	83	91	74	248
Totals	411	426	426	1263
ANDOVER				
Roggerman	99	107	87	293
Clark	88	90	70	266

Totals			
411	426	426	1263

beaten in a game of duck pins on the Hillside House alleys, by the Smith & Dove Overseers, Tuesday evening,				
SONS OF VETERANS				
Flint, Kibbee	65	55	70	190
Mears	96	80	80	256
I. Buxton	74	74	76	224
Billington	73	79	71	223
W. Buxton	78	70	77	225

Totals			
411	455	429	1295

S. of V. vs. Smith & Dove Overseers

The Sons of Veterans were badly beaten in a game of duck pins on the Hillside House alleys, by the Smith & Dove Overseers, Tuesday evening.

The teams representing the Smith & Dove Overseers and the Andover club met on the Hillside alleys on Wednesday night and engaged in a close game, which was finally won by the Andover club by one point. The respective totals were 1260 and 1259. The summary:

SMITH AND DOVE				
Flint, Kibbee	65	55	70	190
Mears	96	80	80	256
I. Buxton	74	74	76	224
Billington	73	79	71	223
W. Buxton	78	70	77	225

Totals			
386	358	374	1118

Clark	79	88	87	254
Cole	86	74	81	241
Dane	86	73	94	253
Chadwick	77	92	78	247
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Totals	410	412	438	1260

Butchers Victorious

BUTCHERS

Totals			
423	410	411	1244

Andover Club Victorious

The teams representing the Smith & Dove Overseers and the Andover club met on the Hillside alleys on Wednesday night and engaged in a close game, which was finally won by the Andover club by one point. The respective totals were 1260 and 1259. The summary:

SMITH AND DOVE			
Bradford	80	84	89
Coutts	74	94	84
Lawson	86	79	76
McCarthy	82	85	88
Kydd	79	89	90

Totals			
401	431	427	1259

ANDOVER CLUB

Roggerman	82	85	98	265
Clark	79	88	87	254
Cole	86	74	81	241
Dane	86	73	94	253
Chadwick	77	92	78	247

Totals			
410	412	438	1260

Butchers Victorious

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Totals			
391	389	412	1192

GROCERS

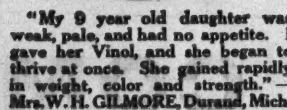
Dugan	75	82	87	244
Brown	88	67	91	246
Chadwick	72	90	75	237
Spark	80	85	86	251
Lundgren	70	77	62	209

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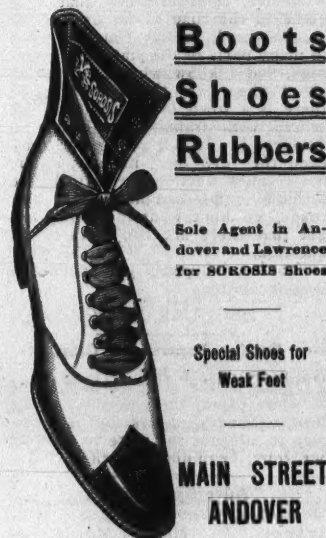
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PROMINENT MEN CALLED UPON

Asked For Information Concerning "Bunco Syndicate"

PROBE IS STARTED IN BOSTON

District Attorney Will Summons Men Who Have Become Victims of Swindlers If They Do Not Voluntarily Appear—Faro Gang Will Be Prosecuted If Sufficient Evidence Against Them is Forthcoming

Boston, March 3.—District Attorney Pelletier and one of his assistants, Thomas Lavalle, have started an investigation of the operations of faro men in Boston, to get evidence on that or any similar "bunco" games in Suffolk county. If the evidence warrants, it will be presented before the grand jury.

Among those requested to appear before the district attorney and who responded during yesterday afternoon, to give such aid as they could in the investigation, were President John M. Graham of the International Trust company, A. Tomfohrde, restaurant keeper; D. M. Bristol of Winthrop; Fred J. Daggett, representing as counsel a man who is supposed to have been a victim of the faro gang; J. P. Nowell, Charles Beatty, Max Ratahesky, Daniel L. White, a music publisher; C. A. White, a Winthrop laundryman; Andrew J. Granara, a Boston undertaker, and John Cronin, counsel for George W. Coleman.

The district attorney announced before starting the investigation that he would take as much time as was necessary to sift the matter thoroughly. If, through the witnesses who appear before him, he learns of men who have been the victims of swindlers, but who have not yet been requested to appear before him, he will ask them to appear, and if they do not willingly he will issue summonses.

Mr. Graham was the first to be questioned. The district attorney asked him if he knew several of the persons who were named, but he declared that he was not acquainted with any of them; that the district attorney must have mistaken him for another man.

Mr. Pelletier's action was taken on his own initiative after reading the stories which have been published within the past few days regarding the extensive harvest reaped by clever crooks hereabouts. There are plenty of evidences that the police department assistants assigned to him were given the word beforehand and are already actively engaged in getting information.

Some twelve or fifteen names of victims or men who were actually approached by the swindlers with a view to catching them for good sums have been obtained by the district attorney. Among them are several of business and professional men who are pretty well known about the city.

The district attorney's office has decided that it will attempt to prosecute the swindlers, provided, of course, that evidence sufficient to warrant such a proceeding is forthcoming, under the general statutes against conspiracy to defraud. Already the office has ample evidence of larcenies having been committed by the faro gang, but, unfortunately, they took place in New York and only the preliminary arrangements of the conspiracy were perfected in this city.

The gang prepared their victims for the slaughter, so to speak, before they left Boston; then they took them to New York and there consummated the plans by getting away with their money.

WIFE WAS ELECTROCUTED

Farmer is Cleared of All Complicity in Brennan Murder Case

Watertown, N. Y., March 3.—James D. Farmer, whose wife, Mary, was put to death in the electric chair at Auburn, March 29 last for the murder of their neighbor, Sarah Brennan, near Brownville, in April, 1908, has been cleared of all complicity in the case. A jury returned a verdict of not guilty after a second trial in the case.

Farmer had before been convicted of murder in the first degree, but Mrs. Farmer, before her death in the chair, left a statement exonerating him and the court of appeals granted a new trial.

Fairbanks in London
London, March 3.—Charles W. Fairbanks and his wife have arrived for a fortnight's visit in London. Many entertainments have been arranged for the visitors.

Gladstone Made a Viscount
London, March 3.—Herbert J. Gladstone, governor general of United South Africa, who was recently elevated to the peerage, has been created a viscount.

New Ships For Our Navy
Washington, March 3.—The house committee on naval affairs voted for the construction of two battleships, one repair ship, two fleet colliers and four submarines.

ELEANOR ROBSON

Actress Who Has Become Bride of August Belmont



BELMONT-ROBSON NUPTIALS

Banker and Bride Start South Immediately After the Wedding

New York, Feb. 28.—August Belmont, the banker and millionaire race horse owner, and Miss Eleanor Robson were married in Miss Robson's house.

There were no bridesmaids or ushers, and the list of guests was closely restricted to the immediate family and intimate friends.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Belmont left for a trip through the south. In March they will sail for the Mediterranean.

Belmont was a widower and is 57 years old. His wife died in Paris in 1898. They had three sons, all of whom are living. Miss Robson gave her age in taking out the marriage license as 31.

AULD IS ORDERED TO PACIFIC COAST

Cliques at Charlestown Navy Yard Are Broken Up

Boston, March 3.—With the detachment of Paymaster George P. Auld to the Pacific coast, the navy department has completed its work of breaking up the cliques at the Charlestown navy yard which resulted in the famous court martial following an altercation with Dr. Cowles at a dance last December.

Robnett, the other defendant in the case, was detached and sent to Newport before the proceedings started. Dr. Ames, who pushed the charges against Auld and Robnett, has been ordered from the directorship of the Chelsea naval hospital to Washington.

His daughter, Miss Marguerite Ames, was one of the principal witnesses against Auld and Robnett. Rear Admiral Swift, commandant of the navy yard at the time when the assault occurred, was transferred to Washington before the court martial. His daughter, Madeline, had shortly before broken her engagement to wed, and Auld was said to have been instrumental in effecting the final estrangement. Miss Virginia Swift, another daughter of the admiral, was a witness at the trial of Auld, and contradicted Miss Ames in her testimony.

DECLINES A PARDON

Washington Man Prefers to Remain a "Trusty" in Penitentiary

Washington, March 3.—Declining to take advantage of the pardon granted him by President Taft, Thomas Taylor, sentenced in this city to fifteen years in the Atlanta penitentiary for the murder of his wife, will remain as one of the "trusties" of the institution.

During his long incarceration Taylor studied pharmacy and was assigned to the custody of the prison pharmacy. He will remain in this capacity.

NO "VOTES FOR WOMEN"

Woman Suffrage Bill Rejected by Bay State Legislative Committee

Boston, March 1.—There will be no vote for women in Massachusetts this year. With nine members present, the legislative committee on constitutional amendments, in executive session, voted to report adversely on the woman's suffrage bill.

The vote was six against the bill to three for it. The two members absent were divided, so the vote will be seven to four.

\$30,000,000 For Irrigation

Washington, March 3.—After brief general discussion, the senate passed the bill authorizing the issuance of \$30,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness for the completion of irrigation projects of the government already under way.

WANTS UNCLE JOE TO RETIRE

Taft Thinks It Would Avoid Split in the Party

AT LEAST GARDNER SAYS SO

Speaker is Honest, Determined and Courageous, but Mind Has Lost Plasticity and is Impervious to Modern Thought, According to Bay State Congressman—Insurgents Have but Two Objects in View

Beverly, Mass., March 3.—"I am absolutely convinced that the upmost wish in Mr. Taft's mind today is that Speaker Cannon should announce his retirement and thus avoid a split in the party," was one sentence of a speech by Congressman Gardner here last night that was received with cheers and howls of delight from 200 members of the Beverly Republican club at their annual banquet.

Congressman Gardner, who was called to the chair to preside by Speaker Cannon only a few days ago, came to Beverly from Washington to attend the dinner, and a considerable part of his time was devoted to an attack on the speaker.

"Mr. Cannon is a politician of a type that is passing away," continued the speaker. "He is scrupulously honest, from the financial point of view, and he is determined and courageous. If he were not he would not have been returned to congress again and again."

"On the other hand, his mind, doubtless from age, has lost its plasticity, and is quite impervious to the views of modern thought. He is intolerant by nature, and self-willed to a degree that is unbearable in a man clothed with such transcendent power. A rugged type of man, I admit, but utterly unsuited for the control of the house of representatives at times like the present. In times of great stress it might be that rules might be necessary suppressing the liberty of members, just as martial law must be proclaimed in times of great distress."

"Those of us that are banded together under the name of insurgents have two objects in view. First, the retirement of Mr. Cannon, and second, a change in the rules of the house, as will distinctly curtail the power of the speaker."

"To my mind the first proposition is the most important, for I feel that Mr. Cannon's successor, whoever he is, will not have support enough in the house to enable him to misuse his powers."

COLEMAN OUT ON BAIL

Father and Uncle of Accused Book-Keeper Furnish Required Bonds

Boston, March 3.—George W. Coleman, accused of falsifying the books of the National City bank of Cambridge, was released on bail of \$50,000 yesterday afternoon. He spent last night at the home of his parents in Cambridge.

His father, W. G. Coleman, and his uncle, J. W. Coleman, who are associated in the coal business in Cambridge, furnished bail, offering as security real estate and buildings valued at \$100,000, free of all incumbrances. Immediately after his release Coleman rode home with his father.

"OLD JED PROUTY" DEAD

Original of Famous Stage Character Well Liked in Maine

Portland, Me., March 3.—John L. Hyde, one of the best-known men in Maine and believed to have been the original "Old Jed Prouty," died at the Maine General hospital. He was 73 years old.

For more than forty years Hyde had been a commercial traveler. He served during the Civil war and up to three weeks ago was active in many ways. He was very witty and was noted for his quaint sayings. He was the friend of all the business men of Portland and had acquaintances in about every town in the state.

Everett Left No Will

Dedham, Mass., March 3.—Owing to the fact that the late Dr. William Everett of Quincy did not make any will to dispose of his estate, valued at \$25,000, the property will be divided among the nephews and nieces of the deceased educator and scholar.

Free Port Plan Killed

Boston, March 3.—Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston asked the legislature to memorialize congress to establish for this city a free tariff zone, and the committee on federal relations reported adversely to the house on his resolve.

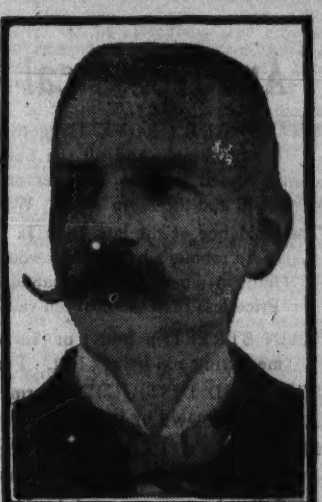
President Alcora Receives Bryan
Buenos Ayres, March 3.—William J. Bryan was received by President Alcora today. The minister of foreign affairs will give a banquet in Bryan's honor.

Czarina's Nerves Unstrung

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The czarina yesterday suffered from a severe nervous attack and her condition is considered very unsatisfactory.

KING PETER

He Has Hitherto Been Ostracised in Europe



BAN ON KING PETER LIFTED

Servian Ruler Receives First Invitation From a Foreign Country

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The Novoe Vremya announces authoritatively that King Peter of Servia will visit St. Petersburg this spring.

This will be his first reception by a foreign sovereign since his accession, and probably will lead to a general lifting of the ban by European courts from which King Peter has been excluded because of the circumstances attending his elevation to the throne.

BUSINESS MEN FEAR GENERAL STRIKE

Renew Efforts For Arbitration in Philadelphia Trouble

Philadelphia, March 3.—As the time draws nearer for the general sympathetic strike for all organized labor in Philadelphia in support of the trolley men, the pressure being brought to bear on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company to submit the question at issue to arbitration is becoming stronger.

The menace of a general strike and the consequent prostration of practically all lines of industry has stirred up business men and large employers of labor, and the efforts to have the company accept arbitration in some form have been renewed with vigor. Violence for the present, at least, has practically disappeared, but the city remains heavily policed.

In the criminal court James S. Swegard, a former United States marine, was sentenced to nine months in the county prison for leading an attack on a car. Swegard wore a marine's uniform when he was arrested. He told the court he was a striking motorman, but that he wore the government uniform because it was warmer than his own clothing.

BIG ENDOWMENT SOUGHT

Bill to Create State College in Massachusetts Becomes a Law

Boston, March 1.—Governor Draper has signed the bill to create a Massachusetts college providing for a liberal education for those without means to secure it at the larger institutions.

The next step toward establishing the college is to get an endowment fund of at least \$1,000,000. One subscription of \$100,000 has been received and appeals are to be sent to the cities where it is proposed to establish branches of the college. The charter does not go into effect until \$500,000 has been raised.

FOUR BULLETS IN HER NECK

Police Interrupt Woman in Her Attempt at Self-Destruction

Providence, March 3.—Mrs. Agnes McCallen, aged 35, entered a department store and went to the retiring room. She pulled out a revolver, a whole box of cartridges and proceeded to load the gun.

In quick succession she commenced to blaze away at herself. Four bullets went into her neck and the other into the wall. While reloading the gun with the intention of taking some more shots she was interrupted by the police. Mrs. McCallen will recover.

Burglars Get \$10,000 Haul

Boston, March 1.—Robbers broke into the jewelry store of Samuel E. Ullian at 1113 Washington street and stole diamonds, gold rings and gold watches worth about \$10,000. All of these were taken from a large safe. It was, to use the words of the police inspectors now working on the case, a "high-class" job.

Woman Slays Her Tempter

Woonsocket, R. I., March 1.—Because Salvatore di Pasquale made improper proposals to Mrs. Salvatore Maurigi she grabbed her husband's revolver from a trunk and shot him dead. Di Pasquale was 41 years of age and Mrs. Maurigi is 27 years old.

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THE STATE BY A COUNTRYMAN ABROAD

One Prescription—No Patients

The panacea for labor troubles, proposed by Robert Luce and based upon the Canadian Labor Dispute act, appears to be having pretty difficult traveling in the Legislature. Mr. Luce is lecturing throughout the State upon its merits and has formed one of those famous "anti" organizations with different officials to man the guns similar to several other movements that have been so prominent a part of super legislative activity during the past few years.

Notwithstanding these strenuous efforts to bolster up the proposition, neither the business-men nor the labor leaders are in favor of the proposition. There is every reason to believe that the author of this measure expected it to be a very popular movement, and had based considerable future political prominence upon the success that was to mark the enactment of the law. We doubt if very many appreciate just what is contained in this proposition. Here is a scheme by which ten operatives of the ordinary manufacturing establishment incorporated in Massachusetts may combine in an effort to raise their wages and to find out the condition of their employer's business in one of the most remarkable plans yet devised. Their protest filed with the Board of Conciliation carries with it an investigation on the part of that Board into the affairs of the Company involved. Such an investigation demands an opening of all the books, papers, and official records of the concern as the basis for a finding.

As if it were not enough for the average corporation to be required to make annual returns and pay a tax on its profits, here is another scheme whereby another Board may at a moment's notice call upon the officials of a corporation and begin an examination of its affairs. Publicity is all right; it is undoubtedly a cure for many of the ills in the business-world, but there is a limit to it, and the average business-man is pretty well convinced that such limit is already passed in the existing menace to his business and nuisance that he is subjected to by national, state, and municipal laws compelling from him kinds of returns and taxes.

The side of the labor leaders is summed up in the action taken by delegates at a very large gathering in Boston on Tuesday where practically a unanimous protest was registered by over six hundred delegates against the Luce scheme. It would seem as if with both parties to the labor problem bound to be sufferers from such new legislation as is proposed, there would be very little likelihood of making a new law this year in the interest of the political advancement of any single individual or group of individuals.

Cost of Living Commission

Massachusetts is now in line with several other states and the national government in its commission to investigate the high cost of living. It isn't much of a state that doesn't have such a commission and undoubtedly the lonesomeness that would have attacked Massachusetts had she been without it would have led to serious complications for Dame Massachusetts during the trying month of November. As it is, the good dame is in as high feather as if she had been given a new Easter bonnet and we may expect that all of us will live on porterhouse steak, broiled chicken, and all the luxuries of life at the cost of a regular Four Dollar a week stipend just as soon as this commission gets under way. Seriously, we are disposed to believe that there is much good possible as the outcome of this investigation. We don't look for a particle of good along the line of the lessened cost for the necessities of life, but the right kind of Commission will discover as we have suggested heretofore many reasons why the average family is unable to enjoy the comforts as they once were with the same amount of available money. The governor can undoubtedly be relied upon to appoint the right kind of investigators for this important work. Their finding should not stop at the price of beef, but should embrace as well the expenditures for concerts, theatres, and balls, for carfares, ball games, and picnics, for candy, cakes, and curios, for the thousand and one "necessities" of today that were the luxuries of yesterday.

Wonderland Next Week

Carrying out the plan to give their patrons the very best that their patronage will justify, the Wonderland Amusement Company wish to announce the presentation of the life of Moses in five parts, each a complete story in itself. This Biblical story has been under preparation for the past six months by the Rev. Madison C. Peters of New York City, and should appeal very strongly to the church people, especially during the Lenten season. The pictures themselves insure a wealth of photography and coloring for which they are world famed. The first reel will be shown Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8, and the following reels on the first and last two days of the week until completed. Tomorrow will be the last chance to see the Andover-Easter game. Do not miss it. Get a Reminder Calendar at the box office.

THE TOWN BY A COUNTRYMAN AT HOME

A Great Improvement

We referred briefly in last week's issue to one of the articles in the Warrant calling for improvements to the highway on Andover Hill. Of all the matters to come up next Monday, none is more important than this. The plan which has been prepared by Engineer Franklin will best speak for what is proposed, and it will be worth while for all citizens who possibly can, to call at the town house and examine this plan.

To describe the changes is difficult. Briefly, they include the moving of the street car tracks to the easterly side of the street, entirely doing away with any roadway for general traffic on the easterly side of the tracks. This plan preserves the beautiful elm trees which are now a menace to all traffic that attempts to use the roadway between the track and the trees. On the westerly bound of the street car tracks, a curb is to be placed the entire distance from Chapel avenue to the point at or near the residence of James C. Sawyer, except where Salem street joins Main street. The co-operation of the street railway officials makes these important changes possible.

From the curbing to the westerly bound of the street, a new macadamized roadway is to be built, forty feet in width, making a beautiful boulevard the entire length of the improvements. From the westerly bound of the roadway, new walks and grading are to be cared for by the trustees of Phillips Academy. All of the superfluous trees are to be removed on the entire plat from the old Seminary grounds to the residences on the westerly side of the roadway, and the entire plat is to be treated in accordance with plans made by Olmsted Brothers and after the Parkway idea. This involves grass between the rails so that the street railway track will be practically hidden.

At the junction of Main and School streets new grading will be possible so that the entrance to School street which has been for many years in a very dangerous condition and almost impossible of improvement under the present conditions, will be so changed that the drainage from the hill will be carried down School street directly into the brook.

The entire plan as outlined has been a long time under consideration. The trustees of the Academy had hoped to have the town bear the larger part of the expense but Treasurer Sawyer has agreed with the Selectmen after several conferences that the institution shall bear one-half the expense of the amount required. The result of these conferences means a good deal, not only in this particular improvement, but for the cordial relations that have existed and that are thus insured for the future, between the town's most important institution and the town itself. So far as can be learned, there is practically no opposition to this project, and while some opposition may arise at the town meeting, we can think of no valid reason why a work of so much importance should not be unanimously indorsed after it is fully considered and understood.

Editorial Cinders

One of the omissions that will be noted in the Town Warrant is any reference to the improved methods of laying the dust on the main highways of the town. The Townsman has commented many times during the past year upon the failure of our officials to fully appreciate the importance of this change. We don't need dust-layers today; we shall need them very much two months from now and for the four or five months following that time. When that time comes, the town should be ready with an approved system of treatment to do more effective work than we have yet seen as the result of the ordinary street sprinkling with water. We have tried in the centre of the town one simple preparation composed largely of crude oil. It has given some satisfaction, but those who are familiar with methods used elsewhere believe there are other and better preparations available. It is to be hoped that the selectmen will be in a position on Monday where they can give some information as to the cost of this method of dust-laying as compared to the use of water, together with some recommendations for the citizens to consider. It is one of the important, progressive movements of the present time, not only for the comfort of the people, but for the better health of the community at large.

terest on the part of those now at work, but attract to its support many who are not now sharers.

One of the most important articles in the Town Warrant for next Monday's consideration is the one suggesting some method of revising the town by-laws. We believe it is possible for several improvements that are much needed in the form of government controlling the town, to be worked out through a revision of the town by-laws. The scheme of government under which the town is now acting is due to the law of the Commonwealth. Very many of its features cannot be changed, but there is little question that many minor changes in business and procedure can be worked into the present scheme, through a change in by-laws, with the result of better government than we now have. A broad, intelligent, constructive committee of not too large a membership would do the town good in working upon this problem for a few months.

The Auditors have made one of the interesting reports of the year, and they have splendidly appreciated the last vote of the town. Their work marks a step ahead that denotes progress. As the printers of the Town Report, we are going to assume the responsibility (wherever it may properly lie) of one error in their table of salaries. The original copy of the auditors stated that the salary of the moderator is ten dollars per year. In the printed copy it is noted at twenty-five dollars per year. While it is a small matter, no blame should be attached to the auditors for the mis-statement.

NEW BUSINESS LOCATIONS

The Long Established News Stand of O. P. Chase to go to Arco Building—Other Changes Contemplated

A change in location of one of the town's important businesses, is announced this week through the lease by O. P. Chase of the store in the Arco Building partially occupied since its construction, by the Cross Coal Co. and Wrights' express.

Mr. Chase will occupy the entire store except the corner used by the Western Union, and will thus secure a very effective room for his business. The rear entrance will provide for his heavy bundle and team work, thus relieving the confusion now met with in his front store. He will move April 1st.

The Cross Coal Co. will have their new office with L. S. Goldsmith & Co. Wrights' express have not yet made any announcement of their new location.

Several other changes are rumored, but at the time of going to press no positive statements were authorized.

ABBOTT VILLAGE

Friends of Mrs. Hugh Kydd of the village will be pleased to learn that she is slowly recovering from her recent severe illness.

Their many friends in Andover will be pleased to learn of the birth of a daughter at Brooklyn, N. Y., February 26, to Mr. and Mrs. George G. Kydd. Mr. Kydd is the eldest son of Hugh Kydd of Abbott Village.

James Wallace of Carrickfergus, Ireland, arrived in town Thursday noon, coming by New York, as a passenger on the steamer Laurentic of the White Star line. He is visiting at the home of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Meekin of Maple avenue.

The regular monthly meeting of the Indian Ridge Mothers club was held in the kindergarten rooms on Wednesday afternoon, March 2, when Miss Etta M. Graves gave a delightfully interesting talk on her trip through Evangeline's land, Nova Scotia, showing many picture postals and views of Digby, N. S., Annapolis Royal, Bear River, Blomidon, and many other places of interest too numerous to mention. There were also pictures showing the Micmac Indians in costume. In the course of her remarks Miss Graves told the story of Longfellow's "Evangeline" in brief, and also told of many an incident and legend which made the lecture both instructive and enjoyable. Miss Graves was accorded a rising vote of thanks for the afternoon's entertainment. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. J. Guthrie.

Punchard Notes

The speakers for the annual Barnard contest have been announced. They are Misses Anne Gillen, Edith Whitman, Gertrude Phinney, Maud Spaulding, and Helen Hardy, and Messrs. William Cronin, George Richardson, and Norman Thompson.

The members of the committee in charge of the senior ball which is scheduled to take place April 1st, are working energetically and the affair promises to be one of the most enjoyable and successful held for years.

LEGISLATED OUT OF POWER

The Town May Elect a Tree Warden But His Work Will Hereafter Be Done by Selectmen's Appointee

It looks very much as if our good friends who are striving so vigorously to be elected tree warden may have their labor for their pains. Governor Draper in his inaugural address recommended that the superintendents of moth work in cities and towns should be appointed by the selectmen, upon the approval of the State Forester, and acting upon this recommendation, a law has been framed and was signed by the governor yesterday, carrying this recommendation into effect. The law reads as follows:

"The mayor and aldermen in cities and the selectmen in towns shall annually, in the month of March or April, appoint a local superintendent for the suppression of the gypsy and brown-tail moths. The appointments of local superintendents shall not take effect, unless approved by the State Forester." As such laws as this do not always go into effect at once, the Townsman called up the State House this morning for information. The report was that the law "takes effect upon its passage," and the result is that while the tree warden may be elected next Monday, nine-tenths of his present work will be vested in a "Local Superintendent of Moth Suppression," appointed by the selectmen and confirmed by the State Forester.

Defends Railroad Service

To the Editor of the Townsman, Dear Sir: I was interested in the letters published in the last week's Townsman about the Boston & Maine railroad and the service on one of the trains. I am agreed with the writer about this particular train because I use it regularly, but I don't think it is quite fair to leave the impression that was left in that communication about the service the Boston & Maine railroad is giving. I have been traveling on the road for nearly thirty years, and while I think there are some things that could still be improved, I want to register my thanks to President Tuttle and the others who have done the service, for the wonderful improvements that have come to the road as far as Andover is concerned, in this time. I travel in many parts of the state in my business, and I know what I am talking about when I say that I don't believe there is a town in the state so well served with trains from Boston as Andover is. It is a good plan to give even the "evil one" his due, and in these times when it seems to be the fashion to be hammering the railroads, we don't want to entirely forget that there are two sides to the question. I shall thank you if you publish this communication.

REGULAR TRAVELLER

Sunday Papers Six Cents

Owing to the increase in the cost of white paper, the publishers of the Boston Sunday papers find it necessary to advance the price to six cents per copy, beginning March 6.

Advertised Letters

Abbott, Mrs. Albert	Messeri, R. A.
Ambrose	Moulton, Mrs. Mary A.
Bareth, Miss	Salham, Marion
Carey, Jas. F.	Sanderson, Mrs. Myron
Gray, James	Smith, William
Harvey	Watts, Ruth M.
	Winn, Margaret



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CITIZENS WRITE VIEWS

Who Are Finance Committee Members?

To the Editor of the Townsman:
Will you kindly publish the names of the Finance Committee in the Townsman? I don't think many of the voters know who they are. Also, what is the vote over which they act, and how long have they been a part of the town machinery?
Hoping to see this in your next issue, I am
Very truly yours,
PROGRESS

The finance committee was originally the "Committee of Fifteen," and was established under the following vote, March 6, 1899.

Voted, That the chair appoint a committee of fifteen as a Finance Committee, this committee to examine into and carefully consider all appropriations recommended by the selectmen, before the Annual Town Meeting, and report such changes in said appropriations, as in their judgment the best interest of the town requires.

The names of the committee now serving are as follows: Michael F. D'Arcy, chairman; Bernard M. Allen, secretary; George L. Averill, Wm. J. Burns, John H. Campion, George W. Cann, Burton S. Flagg, John H. Flint, Perley F. Gilbert, Frank H. Hardy, J. Tyler Kimball, Alexander Lamont, Patrick J. Scott, David Shaw, Joseph Shaw.

Mr. Johnson's Candidacy

Andover, March 2, 1910

Mr. Editor:
Dear Sir:—I had no intention of writing anything for the Townsman in regard to my candidacy for tree warden, but at this time I feel obliged to correct some of the stories that are circulating around the town. I wish to say most emphatically that I am not in league with any of the other candidates in any way whatever. In fact, I did not know of any others who were going to take out nomination papers. I would also state that I have not spoken to any person or persons in regard to work, or made any promises, or bound myself by such to anyone.

Should I be elected, I will give the greater part of my time and work for the best interest of the town and its citizens.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am,
Very respectfully,
WARREN L. JOHNSON

Committee Criticized

To the Editor of the Townsman:

Dear Sir:—The report of the Finance Committee, through its secretary, in the annual town report, contains a most amazing and dangerous statement. Commenting on the increased appropriation for schools it says:

"Part of the increased appropriation recommended for maintenance of schools is due to the recently voted increase in teachers' salaries, amounting to \$425 a year, \$25 apiece for seventeen teachers. This increase does not go into effect till next September, and so only one-third of it is included in this year's estimate."

This is news to the members of the school committee. No official action has been taken to raise the salaries of 7, 17, or 27 teachers. The Board in its estimate for the year suggested the sum of \$525 (not \$425) for increase in the teachers' salaries, a policy which has been carried on for the past few years.

Beyond the request for this sum, nothing has been done or can be done until the new Board organizes next Tuesday night. A new teachers' committee may then be appointed, and it is possible, although not at all probable that that committee would make no recommendation for increases at the May meeting when the teachers are re-appointed. Such erroneous statements need correction, otherwise forty teachers will be wondering for the next three months which are to be the fortunate seventeen. The school committee have problems enough to work out without having more thrust upon them. The statement may have been made in kindness to the teachers and the Board to help out the appropriation, but there is a kindness that kills. It is rather hard on the teachers to be singled out as the cause of the increase in the school appropriation, when a single item of \$2000 for the transportation of pupils, a problem which is growing bigger each year and demands much consideration by the citizens, is passed over without comment.

The finance committee probably at one time had a mission to fulfil, but with the present board of selectmen looking carefully after all requests and expenditures of the town's money, it might be wise, instead of granting the finance committee increased powers, as requested in the Warrant, to dispense with it entirely.

Very truly yours,
GEO. A. CHRISTIE

FRYE VILLAGE

Miss Lillian Crowe is confined to the house by illness.

During the recent thaws the river has risen to an unusual height, and overflowed its banks in several places.

The condition of John P. Morgan, who is ill with asthma, remains about the same.

Births

In Andover, Saturday, February 26, 1910, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Campion.

In Ballardvale on Tuesday, March 1, 1910, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch.

TICKET FOR NEXT MONDAY

Moderator for One Year
RAMSDELL, Harry A.
Town Clerk for One Year
MARLAND, Abraham
Town Treasurer for One Year
HIGGINS, George A.
Selectman for Three Years
DONALD, Walter S.
Assessor for Three Years
DONALD, Walter S.
Collector of Taxes for One Year
HIGGINS, George A.
School Committee for Three Years
BOUTWELL, Arthur T.
RHODES, Thomas E.
STEARNS, Alfred E.
TROW, William A.
Board of Public Works and Sinking Fund Commission for Three Years
BELL, John W.
HARDY, Lewis T.
Park Commissioner for Three Years
BOUTWELL, Frederic S.
Highway Surveyor for One Year
GOULD, Milo H.
Board of Health for Three Years
ABBOTT, Charles E.
Auditors of Accounts for One Year
COLEMAN, Walter H.
GLEASON, Nesbit G.
ROBERTSON, John S.
Constables for One Year
CLINTON, John H.
MEARS, George W.
POMEROY, Llewellyn D.
Trustee of Memorial Hall Library for Seven Years
FLAGG, Burton S.
Trustees of Pynchard Free School for Three Years
BOUTWELL, Samuel H.
CARLTON, Frank T.
EAMES, Harry M.
GUTTERSON, Myron E.
NOYES, Harry H.
Tree Warden for One Year
BERRY, Edward H.
JOHNSON, Warren L.
LYNCH, John J.
PLAYDON, John H.

A Mock Town Meeting

The pupils of Pynchard school will hold a mock town meeting on Monday morning in Pynchard hall, which promises to be of especial interest. The former town meetings which have been conducted have not only formed a pleasant change in the school routine, but have been good opportunities for the work in debate and extemporaneous speaking to make itself evident. The coming meeting will prove no exception to the rule.

A warrant has been prepared, based on the lines of the town warrant, all of the articles of which have to do with objects of real interest in the town, as well as the school. The discussion over some of the subjects will without doubt be extremely interesting. Speakers have been appointed to air their views either for or against each of the articles, and in this way everyone will be included in the discussions.

Some of the articles in the warrant are outlined below.

Article 11 deals with the question of whether or not owners of real estate abutting on certain streets of the town should be required to keep the sidewalks bordering on the property reasonably free from snow and ice, etc.

Article 12 has to do with the reinstating of instruction in sewing and cooking in the schools.

Still other articles deal with the laying of sidewalks in various sections of the town, with the purchasing of a chemical fire engine for the fire department, with special instruction in manual training and physical culture in the schools, and the maintenance of an evening school in Abbott Village.

Enthusiasm is running high in the school in regard to the election of the candidates put up by the various "parties." The Woman's Suffrage party, headed by Miss Florence Reilly, is particularly aggressive. The contest over the election of a moderator will be especially keen. The two candidates for the office are Lawrence Colby and William Cronin. The other aspirants to office are: Selectmen, Lois Spickler, Florence Reilly, George Richardson; board of public works, Lester Towne, chairman; superintendent of public works, Leslie Mander; tree warden, Irving Ludwig; school committee, Roy Rhodes, Lucetta Lowe, Helen Swanton; highway surveyor, Thomas Kyle; treasurer, William Sellars.

The town meeting will begin at 10.45 o'clock, and visitors will be welcome.

A Strange Postponement

District Attorney W. Scott Peters sent out notices on Thursday to the Essex county grand jurors not to assemble next Saturday, to which time they adjourned, and also that they would not be required to meet until the second Monday in May at Newburyport.

A YEAR'S GOOD WORK

What the District Nurse Is Doing. Many More Should Be Interested

(From report of the Andover Tuberculosis committee)

The District Nurse made 1959 calls in 1909. From July 1 to December 31, 110 different patients were visited. Many kinds of cases were included. The demand for these services is increasing and volunteer assistants are now enlisting.

In some cases patients have been sent to the Lawrence General Hospital and to the new State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at North Reading. The record of the Tuberculosis cases from July 1 to January 1 was as follows:

Number	21
Died	2
Left town	1
Sent to hospitals	2
Not improved	4
Improved	8
Cases from Jan. 1, 1910	12

The district nurse and the committee ask the householders and citizens to give careful consideration to the following matters:

1. The anti-spitting regulations.
2. Protection from flies in summer.
3. Facilities for garbage removal.
4. Sewer extension to Abbott Village.
5. The importance of fresh air, wholesome food, and cleanliness in preventing tuberculosis and other sickness.

A condensed financial statement follows:

RECEIPTS		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1909,	\$	9.20
November club	\$	40.50
Tuesday club		5.00
Subscriptions		
(44 persons)	632.00	
Red Cross stamps	18.00	
For special work	252.00	
Fees from 32 patients	101.25	\$1048.75
Total		\$1057.95
EXPENDITURES		
Nurses (salaries)	\$951.00	
Telephone	23.07	
Nat'l society and printing	9.50	
Medicine and nurses' expenses	68.48	\$1052.05
Balance		5.90
		\$1057.95

PROSPECTS FOR 1910

This work evidently fills an important need here in Andover as in other towns about us, like Danvers, where it is meeting with similar success. Many people of all classes are grateful to Miss Sprague, Miss Clark and Miss Dodge, for the efficient and devoted services which they in turn have rendered.

There is now more than enough work for the entire time of one nurse. The committee hopes for a continuation of Miss Dodge's services and we confidently expect from the people of Andover the support so readily given during the past two years.

Most of last year's gifts were in sums of five and ten dollars. This year there will be need of an increase in the number of these gifts, but the committee hopes also for a number of one-dollar contributions from new givers. These may be left at the Townsman office or sent to the treasurer.

ALFRED E. STEARNS, Chairman
MRS. HORACE H. TYER
REV. FRED S. RIORDAN
W. DACRE WALKER, M.D.
FRED H. JONES
BERNARD M. ALLEN
M. W. STACKPOLE, Treasurer
Andover Tuberculosis Com.
District nurse, Miss Lillie E. Dodge, 46 Chestnut street. Tel. 63-11.

Phillips Academy Notes

The eighteenth annual debate for the Robinson prizes, which took place Friday evening between Philo and Forum, was won by the former. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the federal constitution should be adopted." The speakers for the affirmative were Emmett O'Brien (leader), Sheldon Jackson Brady, and Edward Salisbury Bentley, representatives of Forum; for the negative, James Phiney Baxter, 3rd, (leader), Luther Savage Phillips, and William Gorham Rice, Jr., representatives of Philo. Hugh Picken Brady and Ernest Melville Price acted as alternates of the two societies respectively. Judge Frederick N. Chandler of Lawrence, and Messrs. Edwin T. Brewster and Oscar L. Stevens of Andover were the judges.

The Means speakers have been announced. They are Thomas L. Bayne, Jr., Russellville, Tenn.; J. P. Baxter, Portland, Maine; J. R. Beach, Waverly, N. Y.; H. E. Dow, Lawrence; L. S. Phillips, Northeast Harbor, Me.; S. H. Paradise, West Medford; D. G. Raymond, Waverly, N. Y.; F. W.

Smith, Ballardvale; C. T. Donworth, Seattle, Washington, and W. L. Nute, St. Louis, Mo.

The lecture on "From Lexington to Yorktown," by W. W. Ellsworth of the New York Century Company, which was given in the chapel on Tuesday evening, proved to be no less interesting than the other lectures he has delivered here. A large audience was in attendance and enjoyed every moment of the story of the Revolution as it was given by Mr. Ellsworth.

A change has been made in the requirements made by Sheffield Scientific School which enables a candidate from a technical school to substitute, if he wishes, mechanical drawing for one of the history examinations.

Andover won seventh place in the twenty-first annual interscholastic meet of the Boston Athletic association held last Saturday.

In the closing game of the season, Andover was defeated at basketball by Yale Freshmen, on Saturday, by a score of 34 to 16.

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AMONG THE CHURCHES, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Farmers' Institute

The third Farmers' Institute of the Essex Agricultural society will be held in the Grange hall in West Andover on Friday, March 11. The morning session will open at ten o'clock, and the subject for discussion will be, "A New England Country Town; the Spirit of 1910." In the afternoon, Charles M. Gardner, lecturer of the Massachusetts State Grange, will speak at 1:30 o'clock on the topic, "What Massachusetts Is Doing for the Farmer."

Ladies are especially invited to be present at the Institute.

Enjoyable Sleighride

A merry party of young people enjoyed, last Saturday evening, what may be the last sleighing of the season. Not deterred by the frequent disappointments which other parties have suffered this winter on account of unexpected and unlooked-for thaws, these young people made their plans and succeeded in carrying them out. A trip was taken through North Andover and South Lawrence to the Grange hall. There refreshments and dancing were enjoyed. The party arrived in the square shortly before midnight. Those included in the party were: Misses Lillian Pike, Mildred Ward, Edith Hunter, Helen Cates, Alice Leslie, Katherine Walsh and Florence West, and Messrs. Frank Smith, Harry Sellers, Harry Davies, Malcolm McTernan, Harry Purington, Walter Thompson, Levett Putnam, William Lindsay and Fred Cheever.

Mothers' Meeting

Friday afternoon, March 18, at 3.15 o'clock, at Punchard hall, Mrs. Walter Leroy Smith of Malden will speak to the Mothers' clubs of Andover in regard to the National Congress of Mothers.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Theodore W. Birney founded the National Congress of Mothers in February, 1907. Since then it has rapidly grown in power and strength and has been a source of help and inspiration to hundreds of mothers. The aim of the National Congress of Mothers is "to give to every child the opportunity to develop his highest possibilities, physically, mentally, and morally, and to throw the protecting care of intelligent motherhood about every child." At present the National Congress of Mothers is trying to have the Mothers' clubs connected with schools and churches in the small towns join the National Congress.

There are many advantages in being affiliated with the National Congress. It not only brings all the mothers of a state into annual conference for the welfare of the child, but mothers organized are a power which legislatures and educators listen to with respect.

It is hoped that a large attendance of mothers will listen to Mrs. Smith and respond readily to her suggestions. This meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in the highest development of the child is most cordially invited.

David Starr Jordan has said: "There is nothing in all the world so important as children, nothing so interesting. If you wish to go in for some philanthropy, if you ever wish to be of any real use to the world, do something for children. If you ever yearn to be truly wise, study children. We cannot all dress the sore, bandage the wounded, imprison the criminal, heal the sick and bury the dead, but there is always a chance that we can save a child."

Christ Church Organ Recital

Following is the program rendered by Everett H. Titcomb, organist of Christ church, assisted by May Sleeper Ruggles, contralto soloist of the Liederkreis vocal school, at the organ recital given last Sunday evening: Prelude to "Le Deluge"

Inflammatus (Stabat Mater) *Saint-Saens*
Death of Asa (Peer Gynt) *Grieg*
Poem Erotique *Grieg*
My Redeemer and My Lord *Dudley Buck*
Grand Chorus *Dubois*

The recital was followed by an address by Alfred L. Ripley, president of the National Bank of Boston, on the subject, "Business."

Phillips Organ Recital

The following program was rendered at the organ recital in the chapel by Professor Ashton on Wednesday. First Movement of Sonata in F minor *Fumagalli*

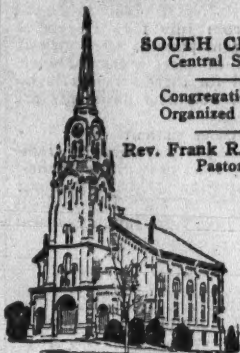
Chorus in Gregorian Tonality *Guilmant*
Adante Cantabile *Tchaikowsky*
Scherzo *Hofmann*
Cantilene *Salome*
Abendruhe *Bibl*

Novel Scholarship

Aspirants to a college career may possibly find something of interest in the scholarship of \$400 offered by Haverford college in Pennsylvania. It is called the Alfred Smith scholarship and is awarded to a member of the Freshman class. One of the unusual conditions of awarding the scholarship is that the candidate must be of German-American parentage and that his family shall have emigrated to this country prior to 1880.

Candidates must fill blanks certifying to their ancestry, and must pass the regular entrance examinations of the college. The selection of the candidate will be based on these examinations and the certificates of character from previous teachers.

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK



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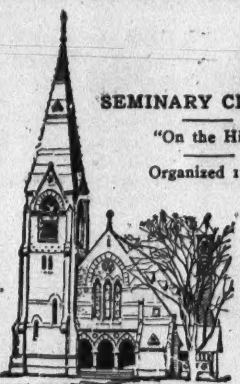
Congregational

Organized 1711

Rev. Frank R. Shipman

Pastor

10.30 a.m. Morning worship, followed by celebration of the Holy Communion. Also Sunday kindergarten.
Sunday school to follow.
7.30 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting. Service of song and story. Mr. John MacDonald and a double quartet.
7.30. Monday, K. O. K. A.
7.45. Wednesday. Mid-week meeting.
2.30. Thursday. Women's Union sewing meeting.
7.45. Thursday. Annual meeting of the parish.
7.45. Friday. Choir practice.



SEMINARY CHURCH

"On the Hill"

Organized 1865

Services under the auspices of Phillips Academy at 10.30 and 5.15. Preacher, Markham W. Stockpole, school minister.
11.30. Sunday school in Bartlett Chapel.
8.00. Wednesday. Church prayer meeting, Bartlett chapel.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Essex Street

Roman Catholic

Organized 1850

Rev. Fr. Riordan, Pastor



8.30 a.m. Mass and instruction, Sunday-school following.
10.30 a.m. High Mass and sermon.
3.30 p.m. Vespers.
First Sunday of each month, Communion day for Sacred Heart Sodality.
Second Sunday of each month, Communion day for the children.
Third Sunday of each month, Communion and Rosary Arch Confraternity.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized 1832

Rev. W. E. Lombard

Pastor



10.30 a.m. Preaching by the pastor.
11.45 a.m. Sunday School.
6.30 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E.
6.45 p.m. Monday. Farther Lights' quarterly tea.
3.00 p.m., Tuesday. Ladies' Mission circle.
7.30. Wednesday. Prayer meeting.

WEST CHURCH

West Parish

Congregational

Organized 1826

Rev. Dean A. Walker

Pastor



10.30. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor. Sacrament of the Lord's supper.
12.00. Sunday School.
3.00 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E.
7.00 p.m. Conference on home missions.
7.45. Wednesday. Prayer meeting.
4.00. Thursday. Stereopticon lecture in Abbot hall.
7.45. Thursday. Annual meeting of the parish.
2.30. Saturday. Juvenile Missionary society at the parsonage.
2.30. Saturday. West Centre club at the parsonage.

FREE CHURCH, Congregational

Elm Street

Organized 1846

Rev. Frederic A. Wilson

Pastor



10.30 a.m. Morning worship with sermon by the pastor, followed by admission of new members and Communion service. Sunday school to follow the morning service. Also the pastor's young men's class.
6.30 p.m. Meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. Monthly roll call.
7.30 p.m. Song service in Abbott Village hall.
7.00. Tuesday, K. O. K. A.
7.45. Wednesday. Mid-week prayer and conference service.
6.30. Friday. Public supper by Ladies' Benevolent society, followed by entertainment and sociable.

CHRIST CHURCH

Central Street

Episcopal, Organized 1835

Rev. Frederic Palmer, Rector

Rev. R. LeB. Lynch, Asst. Rector



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon by the rector.
12.00. Sunday school.
7.45 p.m. Evening prayer and address by Prof. Bruce Wyman on "Law," preceded by organ recital at 7.15.
7.30. Monday, K. O. K. A.
3.45. Tuesday. Junior Auxiliary.
7.30. Tuesday. Girls' Friendly society.
4.30. Thursday. St. Margaret's Guild.
3.00. Friday. The Woman's Guild. Miss Bumstead will speak.
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SOME ANDOVER INTERESTS

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That scientific experiments have proved the presence of an invisible astral life close to the people of the earth, and that clairvoyancy is a frequent gift with children, was asserted within hearing of The Spectator a few days ago by an Andover lady who is a theosophist of the advanced school. The lady declared that there have been well authenticated cases of communication between living people and the people of the astral world and that she personally knows of at least two Andover children who have invisible playmates. Socrates, the lady said, was one example of a clairvoyant, and she declared that the great philosopher was in constant communication with the other world. She also said that nearly every Andoverite, by a development of powers, can be in touch with the invisible world. "We have abundant proof that we survive bodily death," she continued. "Science has proved that and it is not the mission of science to deny or support any hypothesis. But the theosophist's hypothesis can explain all the facts discovered by physical science. One fact that has been proved is levitation, for there have been many cases of the suspension in midair of heavy objects without visible support, and of the transit through the air of objects of no visible means." This Andover lady then told of the experiments of Sir William Crocker, the great English chemist, who, she said, proved the existence of psychic force by levitation. Crocker, an assistant and a medium, she said, stated that he saw a heavy dining-table made to rise. A chair, with the assistant kneeling upon it, was raised three inches from the floor and kept in the air ten seconds. The Spectator is hardly prepared to make comment on the subject. He would like to point out, however, that fraudulent materialization seems to be the general thing today—people stoop to fraud in order to make money.

The Spectator agrees with one of our Andover preachers that clergymen are experts in the art of being poor. The average clergyman here in Essex county receives far less money for his services than the skilled mechanic, and in instances The Spectator might cite, less than the average day laborer here in Andover. As a result, he must be a sort of financial wizard in order to make both ends meet. When he reaches advanced age he has no resources, as he has been unable to lay aside any money from his meagre income, and that, having outlived his usefulness, he finds that no one wishes his services. The Spectator feels confident that this state of affairs deters many of our young men from entering the ministry of the church.

Andover lays claim to a social oddity in the person of a young fellow who in arranging his toilet and im-

proving his personal appearance, decorates his moustache with shoe blacking that gives a glossy blackness that resembles the real thing. The hirsute appendage has attracted a great deal of attention from the gentler sex at more than one social function, and he unintentionally gave the secret away himself.

It may be a trifle early, but The Spectator wishes to call attention to the fact that every Andoverite who has a patch of ground that can be used for garden purposes will do a wise thing if he makes it grow vegetables next spring and summer. Many a dollar can be saved from the investment of a little labor and a small sum for seeds and plants.

Be sure you are right and then go ahead, but lots of Andoverites who are right, do not go ahead, and other Andoverites go ahead who are not right.

The Spectator ventures to suggest that it is about time to stop the lugging out on the platform of any more philosophies andologies, but get the people down to studying something about their own town. Some Andoverites are so worried over the possibility of the canals on Mars not being deep enough for steamships that they cannot see how untidy their own premises are.

There is one man here in Andover who ought to be hidden out of town on a spiked rail, if the story reaching the desk of The Spectator is authentic, and he has reason to believe it is. A frail little woman is nearly on the verge of nervous prostration as a result of her husband's brutality, and yet she refuses to acquiesce in the habit of striking her, but she frequently seizes her by the face, and with his thumbs endeavors to press her nose into her mouth, telling her that he "is going to make her eat it." In the opinion of The Spectator this monster should have an interview with the chief of police, and unless the wife lodges complaint soon, The Spectator will.

Andover has some dogs whose bodies are the size of the average feline, but whose bark at night is the size of a rhinoceros.

It is once in a while the case that the Andoverite who claims that he is clothed in righteousness, is wearing clothes that do not seem to fit him.

THE SPECTATOR

PSALM VII

WRITTEN FOR THE TOWNSMAN

Note.—Read I Samuel, chapters 24 and 26.

ANALYSIS

This Psalm seems to fall into three parts. The first (1-5) ending with "Selah," as if to call attention to the last three verses, 3-5, in which he protests his innocence. The first and second verses form the opening of his prayer.

The second part (6-10) appeals for a public vindication against a slanderous tongue. "Awake for me to the judgment which thou hast commanded," and we see the judge seated on high above the people, and this is the Psalmist's appeal: "Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness, according to the integrity which is in me. O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, and establish the just. For thou art the searcher of hearts. My shield is God; the righteous judge."

The third part (11-17) vividly displays God's dealings with the wicked and the inevitable consequences of wickedness.

HISTORIC BASIS

The superscription indicates that the trouble of the Psalmist is Saul's relentless persecution, incited to new intensity by the slanders of Cush, one of Saul's tribesmen and intimates. He pleads first for rescue and still more eagerly for vindication. Several expressions in the Psalm appear to be echoes from the chapters in I Samuel; e.g. I Samuel, 24:9: "Wherefore hastenest thou to men's words, saying behold David seeketh thy heart." Cf. Psalm, verses (3-5). Again, "Behold thine eyes have seen this day how that Jehovah hath delivered thee into my hand in the cave, and some bade me kill thee." Notice how "my hand" is repeated six times in four verses and observe Saul's reply. He said unto David, "Thou art more righteous than I, for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas I have rendered unto thee evil. Wherefore Jehovah reward thee good for that which thou hast done for me this day. Again know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou huntest after my life to take it. Jehovah judge be between me and thee." Psalm 7:5: "If I have done this, may the enemy chase my soul and take it, and trample my life to the ground."

Notice in the third part the vivid pictures of God's dealing with the sinner, and of the sinner's foolish bringing of retribution upon himself. God is a righteous judge and therefore he is angry. It is said of Jesus that he looked around upon them with anger. One of McDonald's characters says with the deepest sincerity, "God would not be God if he

were not angry with me for this." So we have a picture of the judge, in his executioner, sharpening the sword. Now he has bent his bow. The arrow, held firm upon the string, is waiting to be tipped with fire. It is also waiting for repentance. "If he turn not." Again, while God waits the sinner's sin is busy. Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. "He hath conceived mischief. He hath brought forth falsehood"—i.e., disappointment. Sin is very different in prospect from what it is seen to be in retrospect. Retribution is as sure as gravitation. His tower of evil tumbles upon his own head. The snare which he sets for his neighbor catches himself. He walks into the pitfall which he dug for another. Strange that men cannot foresee the inevitable. Because sentence against an evil work is not speedily executed, the hearts of the sons of men are fully set in them to do evil.

THE CONTRAST

One who is studying the Psalms consecutively cannot fail to notice the contrast in tone between this and the previous one.

The sixth Psalm is utterly devoid of self assertion. There is not a word of self defence, rather an all-pervading consciousness of spiritual poverty and helplessness. God is the God of his salvation, which is the gift of grace and mercy, and not the reward of merit. Rebuke is not regarded as undeserved. Chastisement is accepted, with the plea that it be administered in love. There is hope of righteousness only through help and guidance from above.

Nothing of this appears in the seventh Psalm. The assertion of righteousness is not only positive but passionate. "If I have done this, let the enemy tread down my life upon the earth and lay my honor in the dust! Judge me, Jehovah, according to my righteousness; according to the integrity that is in me."

Such expressions abound in the Psalms and must be explained and qualified by their opposites, as quoted above, and which are equally abundant. In these appeals to justice, and protestations of innocence, the Psalmist is occupied exclusively with the case in hand. There is no chance for self-deception. From beginning to end his case has been left in the hands of God. He has scrupulously avoided the appearance of evil, and rejoiced in every opportunity to exercise forbearance. The acts imputed to him he regarded with horror. It was due to himself, and due to God also, whose representative he was, that his righteousness in this matter should be made as clear as noonday.

Yet in view of the Searcher of hearts, he would confess that this righteousness, however faithful to men, was not perfect in the sight of God—that it was not maintained

without a struggle. No perfectly righteous being would have to struggle to be good. "Hold thou me up and I shall be safe," is our only security against that law, which we find within us, that when we do good evil is present, and but for the grace of God, too powerful for successful resistance, as David himself discovered to his cost, when, beguiled by worldly success, he ceased from divine help, and trusting in himself as righteous, fell into a surprisingly cruel and disgraceful crime.

St. Paul was a man of rare integrity. Even as a persecutor he had a zeal for God, though not according to knowledge. He could boldly utter the challenge, "I have lived in all good conscience unto this day," and yet could say with still greater emphasis, "In me"—that is, in my flesh—"there dwelleth no good thing." Only by the grace of God I am what I am, and this sense of imperfection grows with the growth and strengthening with the strength of his Christian experience.

This sense of sin is a bulwark of the soul—a sentinel to warn us of danger. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it? And not the least of its deceitfulness is the contention that this need of divine power is all a mistake—that one can maintain his integrity without any help from above, and that all anxiety in this direction is at the most an exaggeration. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Hereby should we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

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Hollis Street—Henrietta Crossman
in "Sham."
Tremont—"Rebecca of Sunnybrook
Farm."
Colonial—"The Mollusc."
Boston—"Ben-Hur."
Park—"The Man From Home."
Castle Square—"The Spitfire."
Globe—"St. Elmo."
Shubert—"The Midnight Sons."

PARK

The great interest theatre-goers have taken in William Hodge in "The Man From Home" at the Park Theatre, Boston, does not seem to lessen. On the contrary it appears to be on the increase. "The Man From Home" has an intense appeal for every sort of amusement-seeker from the frivolous to the thinker, from the scoffer to the patriot. William Hodge has scored an enormous hit with the theatre-goers in this section. Coming as he did almost an unknown star the success is all the more complimentary. "The Man From Home" is the most absorbing interesting play America has produced, not only because of its splendid candid and fearless Americanism, but because of its scintillating humor, its tender note of sincerity and its good, sound, melodramatic undercurrent. Beautiful scenes complete this handsome and delightful entertainment to which enthusiastic crowds flock at every performance. The Park Theatre management announce that the play will not be seen in any other city in New England, and they also make a specialty of paying prompt attention to mail orders.

MAJESTIC

The farcical comedy, "Is Matrimony a Failure?" adapted from the German by Leo Dietrichstein is playing its first week at the Majestic. Throughout the whole production, the principal points shown in all the Belasco plays appear, such as realistic stage setting, speed of pace, and careful attention to detail and ensemble acting. The original idea of the play is novel and is developed in such a way that the comedy is well worth seeing.

COLONIAL

This is the second and last week of "The Mollusc" at the Colonial. The play is full of life and humor and the acting of Sir Charles Wyndham and his company is enjoyable in the extreme. Next week Kyle Bellew, supported by a strong company will appear in the "Builder of Bridges."

ESSEX COUNTY

Charged with having two wives, James W. Matthews of Lynn is held in \$500 on a bigamy charge.

James Quinn, a boy employed in a Newburyport store, fell fifteen feet through a hatchway, and was perhaps fatally injured.

Detectives are to be put on duty at the Lynn B. & M. station, so as to overcome the activity of the pickpockets, who have been reaping a harvest recently.

William H. Cook, James F. Crane and William H. Cloughery of Haverhill were sentenced to 30 days each in jail for participation in illegal registrations.

Alderman Bean of Haverhill proposes a plan to have the police collect

HOLLIS STREET

A new comedy, appearing for the first time in Boston, entitled "Sham," is being given at the Hollis St. theatre with Miss Henrietta Crossman in the leading role. In the drama there are several familiar characters which often appear on the stage, such as the two old aunts who are fond and proud of their pedigree, the successful miner pushed into society in New York, and the old faithful comic servant.

The next show to be given at this theatre will be "The Travelling Salesman."

TREMONT

The ninth and last week of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" began last Monday. All through the engagement the rural atmosphere and sentiment, the charming realism and depiction of humorous incidents has not failed to charm. George M. Cohan's "The Man Who Owns Broadway," with Raymond Hitchcock in the leading part, will be at the Tremont next week.

LAWRENCE THEATRES
COLONIAL

A grand vaudeville act has been secured for this week in the "Futurity Winner," and another chief attraction is Miss Marguerite Murray, who is well known in amateur circles. She appears with Joseph Baker in a novel dancing number. Other interesting features are the playlet entitled "The Stage Manager," the farce, "The Intruders," Bowman Brothers in a black-face act, the two dancers, Evans and Lee, and a series of flexible statue posing by Alex. Brisson.

OPERA HOUSE

The vaudeville and moving pictures combined, now the policy at the Lawrence opera house, is just beginning to be appreciated by those who enjoy a good show at low prices. The program includes three reels of moving pictures, so arranged in the entertainment as to give the most enjoyment and the least strain on the eyes or attention. The vaudeville features are simply A1, and the illustrated song singer very good. For the coming week the leading vaudeville act will be Blake's animal circus, an act that is gladly given a top place on the bill at the American Music Hall, Boston, and similar big vaudeville houses. It is exceedingly fine, and the concluding number, Maud, the tricky mule, is a knock-out. Performances commence at 2.30 in the afternoon and run till five; at night there are two complete shows, commencing at seven and at 8.30. The prices are ridiculously low—10 cents, and children 5 cents.

witness fees in court, and put the money by to pay old-age pensions to retired officers.

Two gallons of whiskey and some other liquors were seized at the drug store of Joseph Zito, Lynn. The liquor was in bottles labelled with the names of different drugs.

The Haverhill city government recently adopted orders providing for a safe and sane Fourth of July, regulating the sale and use of fireworks and explosives.

The Expenditures of Essex County

According to the report of County Treasurer David I. Robinson, the following are the expenditures of Essex county for the current year, at the closing of the books, January 31, in comparison with the same period the previous year:

	1910.	1909
Interest on county debt.....	\$8,844.93	\$600.00
Salaries of County officers and assistants.....	2,962.44	2,804.11
Clerical assistance in county offices.....	2,269.16	2,092.56
District and police courts.....	7,248.78	4,573.49
Jails and houses of correction.....	4,751.92	5,644.60
Civil costs, Supreme and Superior courts.....	9,359.62	8,568.03
Criminal costs in Superior courts.....	7,331.49	6,121.40
Trial justices.....	150.00	464.00
Travel of County and special commissioners.....	57.07	94.07
Medical examiners, inquests, and insane.....	840.15	906.58
Auditors, masters and referees.....	136.80	183.50
Building county buildings.....		15,625.19
Repairing, furnishing and improving county buildings.....	1,039.07	1,979.24
Care and supplies county buildings.....	2,903.25	2,771.45
Highways, bridges and land damages.....	3,612.53	12,840.13
Law libraries.....	750.00	1,000.00
Truant schools.....	2,246.90	5,661.34
Miscellaneous and contingent expenses.....	439.30	253.63
Dog damages and license money refunded.....	22,186.30	21,830.14
Pensions.....	77.07	
Totals.....	\$77,206.78	\$93,412.46

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LAWRENCE

The Master Carpenters held a banquet Tuesday evening in the Essex house.

Timothy Lynch was locked up Sunday morning about 6.15 o'clock, on the charge of burglary.

The Central roller skating rink opened Wednesday night in this city at Methuen and Lawrence streets.

"Ladies' night" was held at the Merrimack Cricket and Social club on Water street, Saturday night.

An attempt was made early Sunday morning to enter the provision store of M. F. Markey on Broadway.

The Cross Coal Co. was awarded the contract Monday morning for 260 tons of coal for the water department.

A very successful supper and entertainment took place at the Haverhill street M. E. church Tuesday evening.

The fifth in the series of vespers services being conducted at the Universalist church was held Sunday afternoon.

A very pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson of Willow street Monday night.

The annual rollick and supper of Woonolancet Tribe, 29, I. O. R. M., was held Monday evening in Red Men's hall.

A very successful whist party was conducted by William B. Gale lodge, 140, K. of P., Monday evening in Sager hall.

The informal opening of the new Lawrence Home for Aged People, on Clover Hill, took place on Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Caledonian club conducted a whist party in Caledonian hall Monday evening and it proved a grand success.

A well attended meeting of the Ladies' Union Charitable society was held in Trinity Congregational church Tuesday afternoon.

A well attended smoke talk and entertainment was held by the members of the Loomfixers' union, local 38, on Saturday night.

The death of Michael Scanlon, the father of Alderman M. A. Scanlon, occurred early Tuesday morning at the family home, 62 Holly street.

City Treasurer William A. Kelliher and assistants succeeded City Treasurer Hamel and his corps of clerks on Tuesday, the first day of March.

The Ladies Aid society of the Wood Memorial church in Carletonville on Wednesday served one of their famous suppers in the church vestry.

A very pleasant reception was extended to the members of the Chinese Sunday school of the South Congregational church by their teachers, on Monday evening.

The many friends of Fire Chief James A. Hamilton will be grieved to learn of the death of his father, Joseph Hamilton, which took place on Sunday evening.

Wilfred Dubreque, a local insurance agent, was arrested Tuesday a.m., by Lieut. Charles Vose, charged with the larceny of \$52.06 from the company which he represents.

Said Bistany was arrested Sunday by Inspector Thompson and Officer McCarlie on a warrant charging him with threatening the life of a fellow-countryman, Joseph Bistany.

Charles E. Bradley, the well-known real estate agent, has resigned from the commission appointed by Mayor White to supervise the disposition of the proposed \$500,000 loan.

Timothy H. Murmane, president of the New England baseball league, was the guest of Lawrence council, 67, K. of C., in the council hall in the Schaeke block, last Monday evening.

According to the report of the building inspector, the valuation of the new buildings for which permits were granted, amounts to \$54,000 approximately, while the cost estimate of petitioned additions and alterations totals up to \$23,000.

Nearly 125 men of St. Augustine's Episcopal church in South Lawrence listened Monday night to a most interesting talk by Rev. A. W. Moulton, rector of Grace church, whose subject was, "The Universe."

Albert McNeil was convicted in police court Monday before Associate Justice Wilbur E. Rowell, on a charge of maintaining a disorderly house, and sentenced to the house of correction for a term of one year.

Thomas Condon, a fireman at the Washington mill, was found asphyxiated in his room at a lodging-house, 6 Amesbury street, early Sunday morning. The cause of death was accidental gas poisoning.

John Laney, aged forty-five years, died at the Cottage hospital at 9.30 Saturday morning, several minutes after he had been removed there in the police ambulance, from 203 Canal street, where he had been boarding.

A very harmonious meeting of the Irish-American club was held Sunday afternoon when plans were completed for the celebration of the 170th anniversary of Robert Emmet's execution, which is to be celebrated Sunday afternoon, March 6, in Irish-American hall.

At a joint conference Monday afternoon the plans of Consulting Engineer Thompson of the Boston & Maine railroad relating to the abolition of grade crossings were presented, inspected and considered, but not finally accepted, as they were not in a state of completion.

NORTH ANDOVER

The Methodist church will hold a fair, Wednesday, March 30, in the vestry.

Asa T. Gould, foreman of the Osgood Hill farm, spent Sunday in Beverly.

Andrew P. Hickey of Lawrence street has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

Supt. D. W. Carney of the Standard Oil company, and Mrs. Carney, have gone to New York City.

William C. Clark of Pleasant Hill farm, in the Farnham district, lost a valuable horse the other day.

Harry Starr has returned to his home in Salem, after spending a few days with relatives in this city.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Grange meets Friday afternoon with Mrs. S. T. Wood, at Witchfield.

Officer Fred L. Sargent furnished conveyance for the annual sleighing party of the Junior Endeavorers.

George E. Mahoney of Everett returns to his home, Tuesday, after a visit at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Clark.

"Down in Maine," a domestic drama in four acts, will shortly be presented under the auspices of the Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Grange.

George E. Lawson of Oak Hill farm, Pelham, spent Sunday at the residence of William Beck, at Beck's Corner, in the Farnham district.

Master George Bernhardt of Lawrence is spending a week at the residence of his uncle, Nicholas Bernhardt, in the Farnham district.

Friday evening, members of North Andover Grange went to West Newbury, the occasion being "Visitors' night" of the down-river organization.

Mrs. Hattie Frury, a sister of Mrs. William C. Clark of Pleasant Hill farm in the Farnham district, is on the dangerous list at the Boston City hospital.

Registration closed Saturday night at 10 o'clock, with a total of 1054, including two females, on the voting list. Precinct one has 804 and Precinct two, 250.

H. Birney Bedell of High street has resigned his place at the office of the Davis & Furber Machine company to accept a position in the Washington mills office, Lawrence.

John H. Naden, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Naden, passed away at 8.05 o'clock Saturday morning, at his home, 8 School street, after an illness which restricted him to the bed for 15 weeks.

George W. Towne, P. G. P., of Lone Pine, in the Centre, was among those present at the conferring of the royal purple degree at a meeting of Kearsarge encampment, in Lawrence, Friday evening.

Miss Esther A. Boyce, of the Farnham district, a student at Middlebury college, Vermont, has been awarded the honor of being elected to take one of the three leading parts in a Roman play, presented once in ten years under the auspices of the institution.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PROBATE COURT

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of John L. Brewster, late of Andover, in said County, deceased, Intestate.

WHEREAS, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Edwin I. Brewster of Andover, in the County of Essex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Newburyport, in said County of Essex, on the twenty-eighth day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Andover Townsman, a newspaper published in Andover, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Rollin E. Harmon, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this ninth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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METHUEN

Friday night was probably the coldest one of the season.

A meeting of the German club on Dewey street was held Tuesday evening.

The annual Universalist parish meeting was held at the church Monday evening.

Frank M. Douglass and family have removed to their renovated residence on Broadway.

The funeral of William A. Frost was held Tuesday morning at his late home on North street.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. was held Wednesday afternoon.

The annual society meeting of the Second P. M. church was held on Wednesday night at the church.

A musicale was given Saturday afternoon in Oddfellows' hall by the pupils of Miss Florence H. Lee.

Announcement is made of the recent marriage in Holyoke, of George McNamara and Miss Josephine Solt.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church held a quarterly meeting at the church on Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Second P. M. church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Smith. Tea was served.

The third degree was conferred at Hope lodge, I. O. O. F., Monday night. Visitors from Andover lodge were present.

Saturday, several boys accompanied Physical Director H. C. Dudley to Quincy to participate in a state athletic meet there.

The second in a series of lectures before the Methuen Teachers' association took place in high school hall Friday afternoon.

The funeral of Charles Austin, one of Methuen's most prominent citizens, was held Wednesday afternoon at his late home, 46 Pleasant street.

Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. the third in the series of health talks was given by Dr. John Parr, who spoke on "First Aids to the Injured."

Rev. Arthur Barber of Trinity Congregational church, Lawrence, addressed the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building, Sunday afternoon.

Wallace A. Wright returned last week from a three weeks' business trip through the south in the interests of the Emmons Loom Harness company of Lawrence.

"The Meaneast Man in Town" was the title of a lecture given in the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday evening by William Arthur Hudson of New Hampshire.

One of the most pleasant social events held at the Baptist church for a long time was that held last Friday night under the auspices of the Willing Workers' class of the Sunday school.

The board of registrars was in session Saturday from 12 noon to 10 o'clock in the evening for the last time before the spring election. The board has had two previous sessions and has received about sixty names in all.

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Rev. Augustus H. Fuller, Pastor.
SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEK
10.30 a. m. Worship with sermon by
the pastor.
Sunday school to follow.
2.30 p. m. Meeting of the Juniors.
6.00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E.
7.30 p. m. Union temperance meeting in
Bradlee hall.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. E. D. Lane, Pastor.
SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEK
10.30 a. m. Union service at Congre-
gational church.
Sunday school to follow.
6.15 p. m. Epworth League.
7.30 p. m. Union temperance meeting in
Bradlee hall.
7.30 p. m. Thursday. Prayer meeting.

John S. Dearborn has been quite
ill.

Mrs. Thomas Stott has been quite
ill with the grip.

Mrs. Annie Littlewood spent Sun-
day with her sister in Roslindale.

William Conway of Edgeworth
spent Sunday with his parents in the
village.

Mrs. Samuel Eaton of Everett was
the guest Tuesday of Mrs. Annie Lit-
tlewood.

Lester Call of Clinton is the guest
for several days of Mr. and Mrs. Thos.
Matthews.

Last Tuesday a son was born to
Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch, Ando-
ver street.

Mrs. A. H. Conant of Melrose was
the guest Thursday of her sister, Mrs.
J. H. Smith.

Ballardvale lodge will hold a meet-
ing of exceptional interest next Mon-
day evening.

Communion service will be held at
the Congregational church next Sun-
day forenoon.

Miss Jennie Hudson has been
spending several days with relatives
in Lawrence.

At the meeting of Ballard Vale
lodge last Monday one new member
was initiated.

Joseph Dawson of Worcester, spent
Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Rebecca
Dawson, River street.

Mrs. Nellie Kniffin of Winsted,
Conn., has been the guest for several
days with relatives here.

Michael Fitzgerald of Lawrence
was the guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs.
Edward Bonner, River street.

Miss Lilla Oldroyd and Walter Old-
royd attended the funeral on Thurs-
day of Mrs. Edward Powers of Fall
River.

The sheathing and varnishing of
the ceiling of Joseph B. Scott's store
has greatly improved its general ap-
pearance.

Rev. Augustus H. Fuller preached
an unusually able and practical ser-
mon at the Congregational church
last Sunday.

Miss Kate O'Donnell, the local
nurse, has been engaged to attend
Mrs. Charles H. Shattuck of Everett,
who is in a very critical condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conway, Mrs.
M. Boliaen and Mrs. Rosella Boliaen
of Brockton, were the guests Sunday
of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Conway,
Center street.

Word has been received that the
ladies' petition in regard to the Bal-
lardvale postoffice has been received
and will receive immediate attention
by postal authorities at Washington.

The regular monthly meeting of
the Young Men's Bible class will be
held in the Congregational church
this evening. The following ques-
tion will be debated: "Is our Foreign
Immigration beneficial or detrimental
to our Country?" Joseph Cummings
will lead off in the discussion.

Everything points to a rousing
union temperance meeting in Bradlee
hall next Sunday evening at seven
o'clock. Several local speakers will
address the meeting. There will be
vocal solos and singing by the audi-
ence. Come and join in the singing.
Everybody will be welcome.

Now that the Ballardvale play-
stead is a part of the park system of
Andover, the people of the village
feel that part of the regular appropria-
tion for parks should be spent on the
local playstead. The park commis-
sioners have been interviewed on the
matter and have acknowledged the
justice of the proposition and de-
clared that they would try and carry
out the wishes of the people of the
village. With a small sum of money
spent on it each year the Ballardvale
playstead in a few years would be
one of the beauty spots of the village.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Congre-
gational church society was held in
the vestry Thursday evening. The
meeting was called to order by the
moderator, Felix G. Haynes. Prayer
was offered by Charles W. Richard-
son. The report of the treasurer,
Willis B. Hodgkins, showed

Total receipts \$1383.78
Total expenditures 1150.89

Balance in treasury \$232.89
Report accredited. At this time
Mr. Hodgkins had to leave on
account of illness in family, and Daniel
H. Poor was elected clerk pro tem.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Richard-
son, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Flewry,
and Miss Martha Byington were de-
clared members of the society.

Report of trustees given by Chair-
man of Board, Daniel H. Poor. Re-
port of auditor Bancroft T. Haynes

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given and accepted. Report of col-
lector read and accepted his recom-
mendation authorizing the collector
to send only notices to each contri-
butor of the weekly offerings telling
them the date to which their offering
is paid. The following named per-
sons were then elected officers for the
ensuing term: Moderator, Felix G.
Haynes; clerk and treasurer, Willis
B. Hodgkins; trustee for three years,
Daniel H. Poor; auditor, Bancroft T.
Haynes; collector, Stephen Byington.
Voted that the trustees be instructed
to ascertain the cost of extending the
gallery and putting pews in same and
report of advisability of doing same
to the society. Joseph E. Stott was
elected director of music. Voted \$12
be appropriated for music.

Special votes of thanks were ex-
tended to Addison P. Wonsion, Ballard
Vale Mills Company, Ladies' Aid
Society, and the Church choir. Meet-
ing adjourned.

Bradlee Mothers' Club

The regular monthly meeting of
the Bradlee Mothers' club was held
Thursday, March 3, in the Bradlee
kindergarten.

Miss Willena E. Brown of Boston
illustrated the art of story-telling.
Miss Brown said one of the best
stories for untidy children was Laura
Richards' "Little Pig Brother." Then
there are times when mothers are
anxious to have children contented
with their surroundings, and this is
done with a story. Then there are
times when mothers are anxious for
their children to do kind deeds, and
Maud Lindsay's story of "Blessed
Eyes" is told.

Miss Brown's stories were thor-
oughly enjoyed and the mothers are
looking forward to another visit from
her.

Our Future Citizens

It has been suggested that those
interested in our boys would be glad
to hear from the discussions at Wor-
cester, February 16. The sessions
were only for those actively engaged
in the work, and so were not large
gatherings.

Holyoke, Brookline, Lowell, Pitts-
field, Roxbury, Manchester, North-
boro, Charlestown, Mattapan, Malden,
Worcester, Fall River, Taunton, Som-
erville, Boston, Springfield, Salem,
Lynn, from our own state, Pawtucket,
R. I., and New York, Rochester, Al-
bany, from New York state furnished
the thirty-two superintendents that
discussed the Massachusetts Boys'
Club work.

During three hours in the forenoon
each superintendent reported on "The
most successful feature of my work
during this season," after which the
president invited the guests to a din-
ner and immediately following came
the regular annual business meeting.

The regular sessions will be held
in Rochester, N. Y., early in June,
the same week as the National Play-
ground association, and these two
national interests should bring much
enthusiasm into the work.

It was interesting to note the in-
creasing co-operation in the large
cities between the Y. M. C. A. work
and that of the National Boys' Club
movement. Nearly all of the men
vitaly interested in the Federated
Boys' Club were Y. M. C. A. men,
who realized that some groups of
boys, and those the ones who needed
most some substitute for a home,
could not find their corner in Y. M.
C. A. clubs. Long may the large
centres see the two lines of work side
by side in the cordial co-operation
shown at this meeting, where Mr.
Gibson joined in the discussion with
the Massachusetts Boys' clubs. An-
other new feature was the increased
number of clubs that were including
girls' work and using their gymnasi-
um certain nights for this purpose.

Several clubs reported their best
success along the Friendly Visiting
lines; being in close touch with home
conditions of their boys, they were
able to more justly discipline, to at-
tend to matters of proper housing,
truancy, needed medical assistance,
and to gain a hold on the community
that was in no other way possible.

Several clubs were vitaly interest-
ed in the proper form of the work
through the summer months, all
agreeing that to entirely sever the

ANDOVER NEWS

Andover Guild Notes

Friday evening, March 4, at eight
o'clock, there will be a concert by
the Phillips Academy Glee, Mandolin
and Banjo clubs. Admission to Guild
members, 10 cents; their friends and
the public, 15 cents.

Saturday, March 5, 3 to 5 p. m.,
clothing sale; 2.30, basketball teams'
pictures; 3.30, gymnasium work for
boys' clubs. In the evening the house
will be closed; the two basketball
teams play Reading Y. M. C. A.

Tuesday evening, March 8, at 7
o'clock, the citizens of Andover and
superintendents of neighboring clubs
are invited to an exhibition of the
girls' and boys' industrial work and
a gymnasium exhibit as follows:
Junior Boys' free drill, run, and mat
work, Middle Boys' dumbbell drill,
and horsework, and Senior Boys' on
parallel and horizontal bars. All wel-
come, free.

Friday evening, March 11th, the
Reading Y. M. C. A. play our first
and second on our floor. Return
game.

connection between the club and its
members for some six months of the
year was fatal. The two best meth-
ods seemed to be to form a Play-
ground association, either by church-
es, every Protestant and Catholic
church being represented on the com-
mittee and sharing the expense of a
playground supervisor, or along simi-
lar lines under the different schools.
Other excellent talks were upon:
"Long Walking Trips," "Getting in
Touch with the Parents," "Home Gar-
dening," "Organized Athletics," "Free
Haircuts," "Summer Camp Owned by
Club," "Shoe Repairing," "Care over
Neglected Children in Homes,"
"Friendly Visitor Paid and Giving
Full Time," "Small Boys' After-
noons," "More Games," "Paid Super-
visor," "Entertainments for Raising
Funds," "Two Members Who Have
Become Boys' Clubs' Superintend-
ents," "Opening School Buildings for
Group Clubs," "Making Carpet Slip-
pers."

In next week's paper we will try
to tell our own club's success during
1909-1910.

The Massachusetts College

Within the last few days there has
been a revival of the discussion which
began some time ago in regard to
the establishment of a Massachusetts
college, which shall provide for a
liberal education for those who are
unable to secure it at the larger in-
stitutions. The novelty of the plan
being considered, consists in the fact
that branches of the college will be
established throughout the state so
that students can live at home. The
advantages of such a plan are obvious.

Indications seem to point to the
establishment of one of these branch-
es at Lawrence. Other places under
consideration are Boston, Somerville,
Lynn, Salem, Lowell, Brockton, New
Bedford, Fall River, North Attleboro,
Newton, Worcester and Springfield.
Governor Draper has signed a bill
to create the college, and the next
work which must be taken up is to
secure an endowment fund of at least
\$1,000,000. One subscription of \$100,-
000 has been received already, and ef-
forts to get more will be made short-
ly. The charter cannot go into ef-
fect until \$500,000 has been raised,
but by the combined efforts of those
interested in the plan, the work will
go forward and success seems prob-
able.

The college bill was recommended
by the state board of education and
received unanimous endorsement of
both branches of the legislature. The
father of the new college bill is Ed-
mund D. Barbour.

The incorporators of the college
the Prof. Thomas A. Jaggar, Jr., of
the Massachusetts Institute of Tech-
nology; Prof. Paul H. Hanus, of Har-
vard university and a member of the
state board of education; Prof. James
H. Ropes, dean of the department of
university extension of Harvard uni-
versity; Stratton D. Brooks, superin-
tendent of the Boston public schools;
William Orr, the new deputy com-
missioner of the state board of edu-
cation; George H. Martin, treasurer
and agent of that board; Courtenay
Crocker, member of the legislature,
and Edmund D. Barbour.



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TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION

Town of Andover Annual Meeting, March 7, 1910

Supplement to the Andover Townsman

Issue of March 11, 1910

The discussion of the various articles in the town warrant followed directly after the close of the polls at 2 P. M. Moderator Ramsdell called the meeting to order, and the first half hour was spent in finding the choice of minor officials under Article 2.

Look up Article 3, to determine what sums of money shall be appropriated for regular town needs, and the moderator first called for schools.

Schools

Chairman Stone: "This matter has been very carefully considered by the School Committee, and we find that under the head of maintenance it will be impossible for us to get along with less than \$32,500. The reason is that there has been an increase in the cost of janitors, we have had to purchase more coal this year, and there was an increase in the item of transportation of \$500, and then if we are to carry out our policy of increasing the salary of the teachers, we must have the amount of money that the School Committee has asked for, and therefore as chairman of the School Committee, I move that the appropriation of \$32,500 be voted."

Joseph L. Burns: "In connection with the raising of teachers' salaries, it seems to me a fitting occasion here to speak on the question of Andover girls teaching in our public schools. Some ten or twelve girls who were born and bred here in this community, I understand are being compelled for some reason or other to go elsewhere and teach other than in our own public schools in Andover. Perhaps some of you here know the reason; I do not. I don't like to charge the School Board with discrimination, but the fact remains that these Andover girls born and bred are not teaching in our public schools. It doesn't seem to me that these girls are not competent. There must be some reason that many of the girls who were born and bred here and get started in our public schools are side-tracked. For instance, it is natural when there is a vacancy in a principalship, and a teacher from some place out of town is given the preference, and no good reason is given, and outsiders are brought in and put in over her head, the question naturally arises, what is the matter with the Andover girls? It seems to me that some more consideration should be given to these Andover girls born and bred than is now given by the School Board, consequently I thought it was fitting now at this time to express some sentiment on the floor of this house that the Andover girls born and bred here in Andover should be given the preference. I have no prejudice against any member of the School Board, but the fact that the salaries are to be raised leads us to consider that also. Young ladies who live here in Andover can live here at home, and their expenses are lighter, and they can give their services at as reasonable a price, and again the fact that so many girls do not get work here makes me feel that something is wrong, and consequent-

ly I believe that some of the citizens here today ought to express some sentiment for the benefit of the Andover girls born and bred, and let them drink it in. I am not here at the instigation of any girl. But this proves that something is wrong. Probably some of you know what is the reason. These men who were born and bred here in town, have gone to the expense of educating their children, and it is natural that they should expect that their girls should be placed in a position here in the town of Andover. But I understand that one time the young ladies had to have a diploma, but at the same time I have learned that there was one set of applications to one set of girls and another to another; this I know as a fact. (Moderator requests him to address Chair.) Some young ladies who did have these diplomas and did have a year's experience were given an opportunity to teach. This doesn't seem fair. Now it seems to me that when these girls finish their education as everybody does when they finish their course of instruction, that these girls born and bred in Andover should be given a position in our own schools and not sent elsewhere. Consequently I think it is fitting that the sentiment of this meeting should be that the Andover girls born and bred here should be given the preference in our public schools, and I put this as a motion. It is the sentiment of this meeting that the Andover girls born and bred in Andover, assuming that they are competent, should be given the preference."

Moderator: "I would say that there is a motion already before the meeting, but not yet seconded; the motion is that \$32,500 be appropriated for schools"

Chas. W. Clark seconded the motion.

Mr. Burns: "I move that the sentiment be that the Andover girls born and bred here in Andover, be given the preference in our schools."

Mr. Clark: "I hope that the question will not prevail for this simple reason. I feel that I voice the sentiment of the School Committee when I tell you that this is the position already taken by the committee. Every time, with the conditions being equal, the favor is shown to the Andover girls, and this is a sentiment that is embedded in the heart of every man on the School Committee, but there is nothing to prevent our young ladies, if they can secure a larger compensation in a neighboring locality, to teach there, but I can assure you, and through you the citizens of the town that we will give the preference to the Andover young ladies when they possess all the qualifications."

Mr. Stone: "I understand the question is whether the appropriation of \$32,500 is to be voted."

Mr. Burns: "The incidental question with reference to that appropriation is my amendment."

Moderator: Reads original motion again. "You have heard the remarks made by Mr. Burns and Mr. Clark. The Chair awaits your pleasure."

Mr. Burns: "I move that the sentiment of this meeting be that the Andover girls born and bred in Andover be given the preference."

J. E. Smith: "I move The previous question."

Moderator: "The previous question is one that requires a two-thirds vote, and a standing vote must be taken."

157 voted in the affirmative and 5 in the negative.

Moderator: "Previous question is ordered. The question now recurs on the adoption of the original motion, that is, the sum of \$32,500 is moved and seconded for the appropriation for schools."

\$32,500 was voted.

Schoolhouses

Mr. Stone: "When the chairman of the School Board appeared before the Finance Commission and the Board of Selectmen, we had no estimate for installing a new plant and a ventilating system and proper sanitary conditions at the West Parish school, and since then we have carefully gone into the matter. We submitted a rough estimate of \$1,500. The matter was then in the hands of the architects and the plans were not in. We have received bids today and we find that work cannot be done for less than \$2,200. Now anyone who is familiar with conditions at West Parish school knows how wretched they are. We have the old-fashioned out-houses. We have a partial cellar there which is neither sanitary or convenient. The ventilating system is an outrage, and there are sixty pupils in that school, and unless these things are done, the health of these children will be seriously affected, and although the West Parish has a beautiful cemetery there, we don't propose to fill it up with children, and so as chairman of the School Committee, I move that the sum of \$4,200 be appropriated for schoolhouses. This sum is made necessary on account of the condition of this school."

Mr. Soehrens: "I move that they had better build a new schoolhouse and put things in good shape instead of spending money on old one."

Mr. Stone: "I don't wish to be misunderstood that the whole sum of \$4,200 is to be applied to the West Parish. Only \$2,200 is to be spent there."

Mr. Cole: "May I ask the chairman of the School Board if I understood him correctly when he said that the original estimate included an expenditure at this school of \$1500."

Mr. Stone: "The committee's estimate was \$2000 for this West Parish school."

Mr. Cole: "May I ask through you, Mr. Moderator, how many scholars at the present time are brought there from other districts?"

Mr. Stone: "None that I know of."

Mr. Cole: "I understood that there were some brought from other districts."

Mr. D'Arcy: "I suppose it is really time that we should call a halt to

the expenditures of the School Board. When the chairman of the School Committee called on the Finance Committee, it is true that he asked for \$600 more than in our estimate, and we understood that the \$600 was for the Osgood school, \$1,500 for the Centre, and the balance for other small demands. When we asked him what the \$600 at Osgood was for, we found that it was for outhouses. On examination it was found that they were as good as anything now in use, and if rebuilt they would be no better fitted to the needs. I think we ought to go more carefully in giving the School Board everything they ask for. I would like to ask the chairman of the School Board who his estimates are from."

Mr. Stone: "Hardy & Cole, Pitman, H. S. Wright, and Buchan & McNally."

Mr. D'Arcy: "Certainly you have enough of them. Seems that this could be done for less money. I think the town ought to go carefully in voting these appropriations."

F. H. Hardy: "As a member of the Finance Committee I remember this item came before us, and it was thought perfectly proper to allow \$1500 to the West Parish proposition. Inasmuch as the School Committee had not presented figures at that time, the chairman of the Selectmen took it upon himself to cut down \$1500 to \$1200. He had no more right to do this than the Finance Committee, as he did not have any inside facts, but the Finance Committee, hoping to satisfy the town in the matter and to push the thing through with as little delay as possible, agreed with the chairman of the Selectmen in asking for \$1200. Now the conditions at the West Parish school are an abomination and a disgrace. The work should be done at once. It is a question of the health of these children, and I don't think that a few dollars should stand in the way, and I hope that this motion will prevail."

Mr. Stackpole: "I think the motion only calls for \$3,700, if I understand the statement correctly."

Mr. Allen: "It was thought this might be done for \$1,200. \$2,200 is the amount required. There are two questions here, one concerning the Osgood school and the other the West Centre school. Some of those who inspected the work thought more general repairs could be well extended, and that \$100 to the Osgood school would be sufficient. Now if the School Committee has an estimate of \$2,200, that would make \$1,000 over the \$3,000. Whatever goes beyond that is a question of the Osgood school and ought to be considered separately."

Mr. Eames: "As no figures had been presented, and the valuation of the building was only \$1,500, the Board of Selectmen could not see why it was necessary to lay out \$1,500 on a \$1,500 building, and when it comes to laying out \$2,000, I think we had better start to build new. There is a great change coming in the education in our outlying schools and we should go slow. I think the time is coming when there will be more of an agricultural education and I think the time is coming soon, and I don't believe in laying out so much on an old building that can never be made a good building. I don't believe in this appropriation myself."

Mr. Cole: "As we have had this full information with regard to the West Centre school, I am sure that the committee will enlighten us fur-

ther as to the disposition of the rest of this money."

Mr. Stone: "The School Committee did intend to place sanitariums in the Osgood school and to make the sanitary conditions better than they are today. After talking the matter over, the Finance Committee and the School Committee have decided that \$100 or \$200 would be sufficient and all that they thought wise to expend this year. We should probably put \$100 or \$200 into the outhouses at the Osgood school and on painting the interior."

Mr. Cole: "We are making slow progress. We still have a balance of \$1,800 more to account for. Can the committee give us more light?"

In reply, Mr. Stone gave the various amounts that had been suggested, as printed in the report of the School Committee.

S. H. Boutwell: "I am familiar with the conditions in the West Centre school, and it is being criticised justly. It will be remembered by many that only about ten years ago half of this schoolhouse was built new. There are two departments to this schoolhouse. What we ask for now is a cellar to be dug, and sanitariums to be installed. This would also necessitate cesspools being built two or three rods away from the schoolhouse. They are also going to install a new steam plant, which necessitates money. Now, Mr. Moderator, if the School Committee has investigated this matter properly, the proper estimates having been received, would it not be better to repair this house and put it into condition? The house itself is all right, it is what is underneath it. Now if the School Committee understand what they want, as one interested in the West Parish, I believe that the school may be put into a condition equal to the schoolhouses here in the Centre. I believe that all the schoolhouses in the West Parish, four in all, have been a slight burden on the town, and kicks on spending \$2,200 on one schoolhouse are not fair to the West District."

The vote being taken it was doubted and a standing vote was ordered. 104 votes were in the affirmative, with 50 voting in the negative, and \$4,200 was appropriated for schoolhouses.

School Books and Supplies

Mr. Stone moved that \$2,500 be appropriated, and it was so voted.

Mr. Burns: "I wish to put previous motion if I am in order. I now move that the sentiment of this town meeting is for the benefit of the School Board that their future policy shall be that the Andover girls born and bred in Andover shall be given the preference in appointments."

Judge Poor: "I have nothing to say against the girls of Andover who desire to teach in the public schools. It is a commendable ambition and I wish them success, but I believe it is really better for them to go elsewhere to teach. I believe human beings are like tomato plants, and improve by transplantation. Even an expression of the sentiment of this meeting is not, in my judgment, a step in the right direction. The law puts the conduct of the public schools upon the School Committee. If we don't get the right men on the School Committee it is our own fault. We can get at them when their reelection comes around. Let the responsibility be where it should properly lie. Let us not attempt to instruct the School Board, and I do

not think the School Board ought to be tied down in the slightest degree by an expression of opinion at this Town Meeting."

The motion was then put and a standing vote taken, 79 voting in affirmative, 98 voting in the negative, and motion was lost.

Mr. Burns asked for a recount, but the request was denied by the Moderator, as being out of order.

Highways and Bridges

The sum of \$3,000 was recommended.

Mr. Eames: "I move the postponement of this article until after the town has considered Article 5, and I move that we take up Article 5."

Mr. Cole: "I think it would be more proper procedure if we should first move to lay on the table Article 3 which only requires a majority vote. And it was so voted."

Mr. Cole: "In order that we may take this matter up properly I move that we consider Article 5." And it was so voted.

Article 5

To see if the town will accept the relocation of Main Street from a point at the junction of Main and School Streets to a point at or near the residence of James C. Sawyer, also a re-location of Dwight Street in its relation to Main Street, all according to a plan presented by the Board of Selectmen. Also to see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of Phillips Academy, for an exchange of land to carry out changes as planned, and to appropriate whatever sum of money is necessary for carrying out such work, said appropriation to be taken from the money to be paid to the town as Street Railway Excise and Franchise taxes.

Mr. Eames: "I think this is one of the most important articles we have before us today. The Trustees of Phillips Academy have had plans made by Olmstead Bros. covering their entire property and in connection with their plans, improvements have been worked out for the street on the hill. Your Board of Selectmen has been in consultation with them regarding the lay-out of Main Street, and are agreed upon the plans presented. Those of you who travel over Main Street know the condition of things there. On the east side there is a row of trees making the road on the east side of the track very narrow. The other side must therefore bear all the travel. It is proposed to lay out a forty foot roadway on the west side of the track, taking part of the land where grass and trees now grow. The lay-out provides also for a change at the junction with School Street so that the water will run down School Street directly into the brook, and not around Locke Street corner as it now does. We have worked in conjunction with the trustees of Phillips Academy and have found them willing to co-operate in every way and willing to share their proportional part of the expense. They agree to pay \$1500 of a total estimated cost of \$3000. I am going to ask one of the trustees to speak further on this."

Mr. Ripley: "It is perhaps not well to call on me inasmuch as my knowledge is not so clear as that of the treasurer. I am speaking at the present time in a representative capacity. The trustees have no special axe to grind. We have consulted with the selectmen, and gone over the matter with the utmost care. We have further done something in view of the state of your treasury. Now as to the work to be done, I think there

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can be no question but that it is high time that it should be done. We shall secure a better looking set of tracks and we shall be free from the very serious danger of accidents occurring on the little narrow way on the east side. We shall not be obliged to sacrifice trees, that are one of the attractions of the hill, and which have been so serious a problem for a long time. As to the gore of land, the trustees will very gladly convey it to the town if the town will make these improvements. It will certainly afford an opportunity for making that part of the tracks safer. I don't know that I need to say anything more, except that I am heartily in favor of the plan, and I am here as a representative of the trustees who are equally in favor. I see no way that it can be so well and reasonably done as the proposed plan. As a citizen I am also heartily in favor of the appropriation required and I hope for a unanimous vote."

Mr. Cole: "I think there is no motion before the house. I would move, Mr. Moderator, that the town accept the re-location as shown by the plan prepared by Engineer Franklin. That it also accept the re-location of Dwight street, also that the town authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement for such exchange of land as is necessary to carry out these plans. Also, that the town appropriate \$2,000, in addition to the amount to be received from the trustees of Phillips Academy, the same to be taken from such money as shall be received from the street railway taxes. I am heartily in favor of not only this work, but of this method of financing it. I don't think there has ever come before this town or hardly any town in this commonwealth any better illustration than is before us in this particular project, of the intent of the use of the street railway taxes. The whole theory was to take care of just such problems as is involved here, in the proposed change of tracks regarding streets, and trees. For just such cases as this was the law passed, and I think it is splendid that we can make it apply here. I am one of those who believe we haven't a particle of right to use this money for any other purpose than to improve the highways along where street car tracks run. I am delighted to see that the town is in a position to take advantage of the law according to the intent of its framing, so as to finance this proposition with practically no expense to the town, so far as tax levy is concerned."

J. E. Smith: "I am heartily in favor of the project, but isn't it a matter that should be referred to the County Commissioners? I do not see how the town can accept the re-location of a county highway."

Mr. Cole: "I think the point is in a way well taken. At the same time there isn't the least question but that the County Commissioners would heartily approve this re-building if they are involved. I do not think they are involved in this layout. Let the town pledge itself to carry it forward legally if it can. If recourse to County Commissioners must be had, our acceptance of this layout is a step ahead, but there isn't the least question about their willingness to have a 40-foot roadway where there is now less than 20."

Mr. Smith: "I am heartily in favor of it, but it strikes me that instead of voting to accept this petition, we ought to vote to refer it to the Coun-

ty Commissioners. This would make it more legal."

Mr. Cole: "I think it is a distinction without a difference. My point is clear in my motion that the town should accept the re-location of this street; if they are involved, the next move is for the County Commissioners to accept it."

Mr. Smith: "The acceptance by the town could not be a legal acceptance. Therefore, I amend the motion by inserting the words that 'the town petition the County Commissioners to accept the re-location.'"

Mr. Jenkins: "Knowing that they have many more matters than they can take care of now, I don't believe they will be at all interested. I heartily acquiesce in the town's acceptance."

Judge Poor: "This road now, under discussion was laid out in 1804 as a turnpike, a private road over which tolls were collected. Somewhere in the early 20's of the last century it was taken by the county (Voice, 1805), but a county highway within the town is cared for by the town, that is, as far as ordinary repairs go. The very question that the gentleman raised occurred to me when I read the clause. I think we should do this thing when we now have the opportunity, and I think the present opportunity is an exceptionally good one to get this improvement."

Mr. Cole: "Cannot someone tell us how much ground is covered by this plan as it is now before us? I understand the roadway involved is 40 feet wide. I understand there are two street railway tracks and also a sidewalk and a gutter."

Mr. Eames: "That is correct."

Mr. Cole: "I am confident that the entire 66-foot roadway which was originally laid out by the county, is sufficient to contain all that is called for in this plan."

Mr. Smith: "As I am assured that we are within our rights, I will withdraw my amendment."

Mr. Gould: "From the gutter on the left hand side of the track to the track on the outside railroad track is 32 feet, and 40 feet behind would be 72 feet. That does not include sidewalks, and I suppose the roadway on the inside side runs to that little hedge, so that it seems to me that when we have built everything we shall use up much more than 66 feet."

Mr. Cole: "The gentleman has entirely overlooked the fact that the tracks are to be moved to the eastward, allowing only for a gutter between them and the sidewalk. The present easterly roadway is to be used for one of the street car tracks. I don't think we are going to be in trouble, and I don't think there is the least question about the right of the town to do this work."

Mr. Burns: "Why not move to accept it conditionally?"

Mr. Cole: "I think there isn't the least question about their acceptance of this. If they are involved we will hear from them without any notice from us. Their business is to protect these highways that are in their charge, and having accepted it, if the County Commissioners are involved, we may rely upon them to be heard."

Mr. Stearns: "Would the car track take the place of the highway which is now between the easterly track and the inside side of the gutter? My impression is that the track does not go over as far."

Mr. Eames replied that the track did move to the easterly gutter from Chapel avenue to Salem street.

Voted to accept re-location.

Mr. Cole: "I move that Article 3 be taken from the table."

Highways and Bridges

Mr. Eames: "As we have appropriated part of the street railway tax, in taking \$2,000, I move that you increase the appropriation for highways and bridges to \$5,000."

Motion voted.

Macadamized Roads

J. E. Smith moved as recommended. Voted \$1,000 and balance of street railway tax and proceeds of street sprinkling.

Sidewalks

Mr. Cole: "May I ask when for a number of years we have voted \$500, why this should now be increased to \$1,000; are there any extraordinary demands for this large appropriation?"

Mr. Gould: "I do not understand the question."

Mr. Cole: "I don't wish to be misunderstood. I realize it was \$1,000 last year. But it has been \$500 for a number of years."

Mr. Gould: "I don't know anything about it. Selectmen made report."

Mr. Eames: "There have been a great many complaints about the conditions of sidewalks. The \$250 that was laid aside for the betterment tax was not used last year. There were some parties who wanted it, but others could not afford to pay it. The Board now have in mind the sidewalk in front of the Baptist church, down Essex street. You all know the condition. It is in very bad shape. It will be quite an expense to fix this sidewalk. Several people have repaired their sidewalks at their own expense. We have no money. That is the reason why \$750 is advocated for sidewalks."

Mr. Cole: "That is what I was coming at, and I think it is high time that this repairing should be done on many walks. Sidewalks need resurfacing badly in many parts of the town."

Voted to appropriate \$1,000.

Moving Snow

Mr. Shaw: "Is any of this to pay old bills?"

Mr. Eames: "I think perhaps there are some unpaid bills at the present time, but none that were unpaid previous to the present year. Any bills that were contracted since the new fiscal year, will come out of this appropriation, since the old appropriation is all used up. Part of this appropriation is already used."

\$1500 voted.

Horses and Drivers

Mr. Eames: "Last year the Selectmen recommended the sum of \$2,200 for Horses and Drivers, but the town in their judgment saw fit to reduce the sum to \$5,000. Your Board has carefully looked into the matter and we were going to buy one pair of horses, expecting to sell two. We sold one. We believed that every firm wants at least one spare horse. I have always believed such was good economy, and it was proven when one of our horses was killed in the accident last summer, as you will remember, and we have no spare horse at the present time. That cut out the \$200 we expected more than we have, and we

come before you today with \$400 unpaid bills. Hay and grain costs more, help is not any less, and wear and tear is not any less, and repairs are not any less, and this year we are asking for this appropriation. We shall have to have another pair of horses this year. We have at the present time a pair of horses in Ballardvale, one of which is blind and unfit to drive to a fire with any safety at all. We want new horses at the Vale."

Mr. Shaw: "I think there is a matter here which ought to be carefully considered by the voters of the town. It isn't so much the money appropriated as the system of book-keeping. For instance, we appropriated certain money for the Horses and Drivers department last year, but if you will look on page 37 you will find that this department sold for \$150 a horse which wasn't credited to any department. You will also find that Miscellaneous account transferred to the Horses and Drivers \$340.95, making \$490 that was added to the \$5,000 last year by these two items. Further, on page 47, you will find Earnings of Town Teams. Now we appropriated 5,000 odd dollars to support this department and have used \$8,000 more, taking in different taxes that were added. I would like to know if any gentleman can find this \$8,000 credited in any department, and while I haven't had many days to look over this report, it seems to me that our system of book-keeping is wrong. The earnings of the Horses and Drivers were \$3856.91, but no account of this is credited to the Street Department account. Then this money was used in the Street Department in addition to what we appropriated. It is an extra amount above what we appropriated, and it ought to be credited to Horses and Drivers. As a matter of fact, the Horses and Drivers, aside from earnings, only cost us \$2,000, and this condition should show. It doesn't show on the Town Report. If we want the Highway Department to have \$4,000 more than we voted for it, why not have an item showing it. I think that our spasm of economy passed off last year. But it seems to me that we ought to consider this item in connection with more of it this year. If anybody has this information, I should be glad to hear from them."

Mr. Gould: "I think if he looked under appropriations and recommendations, he will find that the amount received this year for the use of sprinkling and street teams is credited to the highway department."

Mr. Shaw: "I am not questioning the use, but the matter of credits. It ought not to be voted for one department and used by another, so that we fail to know the amount of money that was expended. I would like to have all money earned by this department credited to them and charged to the department where the work is done. For instance, if it is done in the Macadam department, and there was \$2,000 worth of the time that is charged to Horses and Drivers, we would have that specified as used in that department."

Mr. Cole: "Within five minutes we passed a vote that we appropriate for Highways and Bridges a certain sum, also whatever is left from street railway tax and the amount received from the use of teams and street sprinkling. I don't believe it is necessary to have this matter involved in this appropriation, although it is a very important matter. I for

one am going to be very strenuous in helping in its remedy, and I wish to say that when Article 19 is reached I shall probably talk more than I ought to because of my great interest. I hope that Mr. Shaw will not take the 5.20 train home tonight, but will be willing to wait for the discussion of the point he has raised until that article is reached."

Mr. Shaw: "I want to have this thing done; if a revision of the by-laws is necessary so that citizens of the town will know where the money goes, I will stand for that method, and am willing to withdraw my motion."

Street Lighting

B. Rogers: "This recommendation is made on the assumption that we will continue the same system of lighting in the future as we have done in the past. I make this statement with the condition in mind that the first of next month the contract will expire between Andover and the Lawrence Gas Company. (Here he read from list number of incandescent and arc lights in use and cost per light and total cost). We are now requiring more lights. Houses are being built in different sections of the town. In regard to the contract would say that our contract is sure to be as good as we now have. The Lawrence Gas Company has used the town very well in every particular. In fact, the records show that we are getting our lighting cheaper now than we were thirty-five or thirty-six years ago. In order to verify this statement, I have here a contract which was submitted March 9, 1874. This contract is signed Thomas Murphy, witnessed by Charles Murphy, and calls for 57 lamps for 85 cents per month, not to burn over 20 nights per month, 100 hours per month. Today light costs us \$1.33 1-3 per month, and we burn many more lights, so with this fact in mind I move that we appropriate \$5,500 for street lighting."

Mr. Allen: "I wish to start the ripple of economy which we spoke of a short time ago. I am not in any position to state, and with all due respect to the committee, I don't believe the comparison as read has very much bearing upon the cost of the light in the town of Andover, for in these days there are events which will bring down the cost of the current in one year very much. The light committee should not make any new contract unless they are in a position to make the best bargain with the Lawrence Gas Company that can be made. I do know that towns outside of Boston have an 11 cent individual rate compared to our 18 cent rate. In Haverhill they have come down from 18 cents to 12 cents. Leominster, which burns about three times as many lamps as we do, pays less money and gets more lights. I also happen to know that the same engineer who investigated for Leominster is willing to come to Andover and for the small sum of \$25.00 investigate the cost of lighting for us. I make as an amendment that the sum of \$50.00 be added to this appropriation for the purpose of making such investigation as is needed in order to make the best possible contract for the town."

W. H. Coleman: "The town is placed in this position. Under the laws of the State of Massachusetts no other company except the company that is now located in the town can light the streets of Andover. We

are to a certain extent at the mercy of the Lawrence Gas Company. I probably have had as much experience with the street lighting as anyone here and know pretty well what the conditions are. Your committee asks for \$5,500 to meet the requirements of the coming year. I understand the committee is already appointed. I don't believe but that they will make the very best terms possible for the town of Andover. I don't believe it is necessary to spend a single penny for investigation of the street lighting. The committee will investigate. We will get the best terms possible. Let us leave it in the hands of the committee."

Mr. Allen: "I agree thoroughly with the gentleman as to his experience, but as a citizen of the town he will also recollect some years ago when a local company of which the gentleman was the representative declared that it was impossible for them to give a lower rate, and when the State Board of Commissioners backed them up in their assumption, but when the town proposed putting in a different form of lighting, they reduced the rate."

Mr. Coleman: "The gentleman says that I was interested in this matter. I was. He also says that the Board of Gas Commissioners were called in to arbitrate, if I understand him. He says, I believe, that the local company reduced the price. That is not so. If he takes the pains to look at the records he will find that the price of \$70.00 was then fixed for an arc light, and \$16.00 for an incandescent, the same as is now being charged."

Mr. Shaw: "It seems to me now not so much a question of lighting for less money, but if the statement that Mr. Coleman has made is really true, if we are absolutely in the hands of the Lawrence Gas Company and they can make any arrangement they please and we have got to pay it, I think we ought to have an investigation. The report could be published in our town paper just what a reasonable price for street lighting would be, then we would know how much this company wanted above a reasonable figure. We are doing a lot of these things today in order to get information. Every taxpayer would like to know this information. I don't know why they have the right of way, but I take Mr. Coleman's word for it that they have. I think it would pay us before we make another three years' contract to have information. I am sure that the committee will get the lowest rate and what an expert would think we ought to pay if we had reasonable competition. I hope this amendment will pass."

Mr. Poor: "What is the use of an investigation with reference to competition where there can be no competition? The Lawrence Gas Company has, so to speak, the monopoly of lighting, not only here, but in Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover. The Lawrence Gas Company has for many years served this community and served them, as I understand, very satisfactorily. They have no fear of competition. There is no complaint anywhere. Talk of competition is useless, because it cannot be done. I believe the Gas Company will be fair. They furnish gas and electricity lower than the great majority of the gas companies in the commonwealth. Towns outside of Boston have to pay very much higher rates for gas than we do. The whole matter may be properly left to the committee."

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Mr. Burns: "It will give the town some enlightenment, to have an investigation. The amendment seems to be a proper one."

Mr. Rogers: "I brought up this piece of ancient history and 85 cent lights because I thought it was interesting, but I have no axe to grind so far as the Lawrence Gas Company is concerned. They have used the town of Andover very well indeed. They give us more hours of light and more nights of light than called for per month, according to our reports. When a concern does business this way, I see no reason for always kicking and investigating them. There is no use for the town of Andover to call in an expert to find out that you are paying \$2.00 for what you ought to get for \$1.00, it only makes you miserable."

Judge Poor: "This comparison with 1874 is not very enlightening when you are talking of electric lighting. This lighting was not in use thirty years ago, it was the old kerosene street lamp. We want much better light these days, and we have it. I believe the gas company is serving us well now and will meet the town fairly on a new contract."

Mr. Cole: "I cannot help passing along some little information I have secured in the past few years on this subject. Let no one believe that this is a monopoly pure and simple, without any redress. As a matter of fact, the whole system of public service in Massachusetts is a natural monopoly, not a monopoly without any relief, however, but a regulated monopoly, and any ten citizens may appear before the Board of Gas and Electric Commissioners showing their grievances, if they know of any, and the Board of Gas and Electric Commissioners must make an investigation and finding upon the facts presented. The commission is one of the best recognized boards of experts in this country. You don't have to spend fifty dollars or even fifty cents to do it, all you have to do is to get one of our well-known friends who so delight to get up petitions, to get busy, put a two-cent stamp on an envelope and send a petition to this Board. Mr. Moderator, it would be the most foolish thing in the world for us to get this expert, but if we are convinced that we are being overcharged, then the right way to go about our relief is for this meeting to express a desire for an investigation. Then we get information that is known to be very reliable. Prof. Bemis was an expert employed by the Boston American, and he is reported to have charged them \$17,000. A \$50 expert would be about as useful in taking care of this problem in the town of Andover as some of our fifty cent financiers are in solving the financial problems of the town."

Mr. Allen: "I wrote to this same Professor Bemis and he recommended this man. He said he would come for \$25.00, and if this town wishes to consult in any way upon a question that means so much, where we are now at the mercy of a monopoly, what more reasonable way could there be at some comparatively small outlay. It would be the height of folly to think we could carry a case to the gas commissioners."

Mr. Shaw: "It is very easy to laugh about problems of this kind. I suppose we are absolutely in the hands of the beef trust and that anything we may say about them will make no changes, but this isn't very satisfactory or assuring. But this

hasn't prevented the United States Congress from forming a committee to investigate the cost of living, of which the senator from Massachusetts is a member, to find out whether people are getting a square deal. Now you may say that the report of that committee may not change it. It may make you feel miserable. But I think it would be a mighty good satisfaction too. They are making progress in the matters of electric lighting and I don't think it would hurt the town. We just go right along spending money in this easy-going way as if we were grinding it out of a printing office. Every man here, whether he owns property or not, is paying taxes. I didn't think I was paying taxes when I lived in a rented house, but I was. Now, it isn't merely a question of lighting, but it is a question of whether we can help ourselves. I hope the motion will prevail and that we will have this information. I am not criticising them personally. I have to pay my bill. Now I would like to know what the Lawrence Gas Company will do. They may not be willing to make any changes, but I would like to know more about it."

Mr. Cole: "I would like to call attention to the fact that most money that is circulated bears the imprint of the national government. My publication is for local circulation solely. My friend is the only publisher present with a national circulation."

Mr. Shaw: "I would have answered that had I thought it was misunderstood. I meant the greenbacks. I had no reference whatever to the Andover Townsman."

Mr. Cole: "Mr. Moderator, the gentleman has stated that what he wants to know is what other towns and cities are getting for light and prices. I don't object to adding to the appropriation the \$50 called for but do you know what you will get? You will get what is published in the report of the Lighting Commissioners and nothing else. Absolutely all the information, between two and three hundred pages covering comparisons with other cities is contained there in well arranged form backed by official data."

Mr. Shaw: "I venture there isn't a citizen of this town who can find out what he wants to know in that report. I want it applied to Andover, and that is why I want to have this investigation for \$25. I don't want to dig it out for myself."

Moderator reads motion and amendment, and vote shows that motion is lost. Standing vote is taken, 78 voting in the affirmative, 84 voting in the negative and amendment is lost.

\$5,500 voted for Street Lighting.

Town Officers

Mr. Rogers: "The Highway Surveyor receives \$1,000 per year. This is not sufficient. I move that \$6,700 be appropriated for the town officers and that the highway surveyor receive \$1,200. It is hardly necessary for me to make any remarks on this motion. North Andover has 93 miles of highway and pays her Highway Surveyor \$1,200. We have here 150 miles of highway and pay our Highway Surveyor \$1,000. He has to support his own horses during the year, and you cannot deny that he is honest for when a question came up this afternoon, he told you that he did not know anything about it. That is proof that he is honest."

Voted to appropriate \$6,700 for town officers, and also voted to raise the salary of Mr. Gould to \$1,200 per year.

Police—\$3,000 voted.

Maintenance Sewer Dept.—\$1,350 voted.

Sinking Funds Sewer Dept.—\$3,000 voted.

Water Department Construction—\$1,500 voted.

For the Maintenance of Water Dept.—\$8,500 voted.

To redeem sinking funds of Water Dept.—\$750 voted.

Fire Department, maintenance and fire alarms, running expenses and purchases.—\$3,700 voted.

Town House—\$1,600 voted.

Alms House—\$4,000 voted.

Repairs on Almshouse—\$500 voted.

Relief out of Almshouse—\$3,000 voted.

State Aid—\$2,250 voted.

Soldier's Relief—\$1,000 voted.

State Tax—\$10,000 voted.

County Tax—\$10,600 voted.

Interest on Bonds—Funds and Notes—\$14,000 voted.

Redemption of Water Bonds and Sewer Bonds—\$8,000 voted.

School House Bonds—\$4,000 voted.

Printing and Stationery—\$1,800 voted.

Miscellaneous—

Mr. Shaw: "I should like to know if this is meant to include such matters as Horses and Drivers, and Hay Scales, and others for which special appropriations are made. I supposed that what miscellaneous meant was for needs where other appropriations were not made. In this report it covers many items and shows nearly \$500 added here that should be transferred to other accounts. Now it seems to me that if we want to reduce the figures anywhere, this is the place, and not have it used as a bank for every other demand in the town. I move that it be \$1,500 instead of \$2,000. Hay Scales, \$54.33, Public Dump, \$340.95, the Horses and Drivers for which an appropriation has already been made, adding much more, all make a condition that will allow for this reduction."

Mr. Eames: "Last year, fortunately the amount allowed for helping other departments. Usually we should run very close to \$2,000. We always endeavor to keep the items down. We all know that Miscellaneous covers a multitude of sins, and think \$2,000 none too much, for we don't know what is coming up."

Amendment is lost by putting to vote. Original motion of \$2,000 voted.

Memorial Day—\$275 voted.

Insurance—\$850 voted.

Spring Grove Cemetery—\$700 voted.

Hay Scales—\$75 voted.

Park Commissioners—

W. B. Hodgkins: "I would like to ask that a sum not to exceed \$150 of this appropriation be applied to the playstead at Ballardvale. Last year we were told you cared for your playstead up here yourselves by private funds, but I see there is an article in the warrant to see that the town shall purchase a suitable piece and appropriate a certain sum of money for the

purpose of making it a town charge hereafter. Now for two years the improvements have been made at Ballardvale privately, and they have been fairly successful, but we want a little more, and it will be spent for good purposes. We want to ask for a sum not to exceed \$150.00 out of this appropriation."

Mr. Cann: "The representative of the park in Ballardvale came to me and told me that they wanted to put in a demand stipulating so much to be spent at Ballardvale as he has named. I told him that I felt inclined to be generous with the Ballardvale people, but I didn't want the committee restricted with their appropriation. There has been no money expended on the playstead in the center of the town, even though it has been used many years, and none will be spent except so far as in the discretion of the committee it might seem advisable. I think no one would expect us to ever make an ornamental park out of the Ballardvale playstead. It won't even grow grass, let alone anything else. The committee are generously inclined, but would prefer not to have any stipulated sum appropriated to any certain section."

Mr. Hodgkins: "If at any time the town wants to sell this, I will be glad to purchase the same for all they paid for it. All we want is a baseball diamond. There is wood enough to be of some return, and the whole expense would be very slight. The playstead is a benefit and you don't have to go around to see how it is used. We use it every Saturday. I ask for a sum to be set aside not to exceed \$150.00."

Mr. Rogers: "I hope this motion will prevail. I feel justified in saying that this place in Ballardvale is used a great deal in the summer time and I don't think it is asking too much in asking for \$150.00."

Mr. Cann: "I don't wish to be misunderstood. It is simply the principle of the thing and establishing a precedent that I oppose, allotting so much to any particular section. I said that I would be willing so far as I was concerned, provided I could get the same co-operation from the citizens of Ballardvale as we have here in the center. I am not opposing the expenditure of money down there. I am not inclined to neglect them, and am willing to give them all due consideration, but I am opposed to setting this precedent. I hope the amendment will not prevail."

Mr. Shaw: "Ballardvale has had experience in asking for things before. Our schoolhouse was a disgrace. We tried until everybody thought we were the most extravagant people alive. Reminds me of a story. Now last year we broke the precedent, or you did, that a certain portion of the schoolhouse funds be spent in Ballardvale. You spent it, and I am told the improvement is very great and satisfactory to our people. Our baseball field is a disgrace. Boys were eating dust and dirt there all last summer, ground was so soft that they could hardly run. \$150.00 is not an unreasonable request. We don't want to keep asking for this ten years before we get it, as we did our school grounds. I hope the amendment made by Mr. Hodgkins will prevail and that not more than \$150.00 will be expended on this field so that our people can enjoy it during the summer months."

Tree Warden

Mr. Smith: "I would like to have the tree warden tell us how much for

tree warden and how much for gypsy moths is required."

Mr. Playdon: "The time that article was put in we expected to spend nearly all for the suppression of gypsy moths."

Mr. Smith: "I should recommend the appropriation of \$150.00 for tree warden, and I will make another motion that for the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths \$3.350 be appropriated."

Both these motions voted.

Public Dump—\$75 voted.

Memorial Hall

E. K. Jenkins: "I find that under Article 3, appropriations must be made for the Memorial Hall library. I find on page 122, \$1,000 recommended by the selectmen, and that sum we absolutely need and we want more. We have there an old wooden sidewalk leading to the front door that is now decayed. We want a granolithic sidewalk. This will cost about \$200, perhaps \$175 would cover it. I think you will say as you go in and out that we need it. We must have either that or a new wooden one, and we want something that is a credit to us and to the town, and I recommend that instead of \$1,000 it be \$1,200, and I move that the sum be appropriated."

Voted to appropriate \$1,200.

Taking new valuations—\$1,000 voted.

Article 4

To see if the town will vote to purchase a certain tract of land situated in Andover, known as the Playstead.*****

Judge Poor: "The title to this land is in the names of three patriotic citizens. It has been improved from time to time by them by contributions which they have assessed (my genial friend, Mr. Editor, has assessed me on one occasion that I remember). Now we ought to take this off their hands and make it a part of the public domain, and I move that we vote to purchase the same."

Voted.

Article 5

To see what action the town will take towards appropriating the sum of \$500 for re-opening and putting in proper condition the Abbott Schoolhouse for school purposes. That it would be better for the welfare of the children and the public in general as regards a higher estimate of the value of property in that vicinity, on petition of John W. Henderson and others.

S. H. Boutwell: "I have been asked by some petitioners to present the conditions as they are in this district. I know pretty well what the feeling of many of the citizens of the town is in regard to it, but the citizens of that district who petitioned this favor are thoroughly wrought up over the conditions as they now exist in connection with their school facilities. I know very well that the School Committee perhaps as a body may not favor it, but the conditions now are entirely different from what they were when this school was closed. Then the scholars were very small and there were only a few of them. Now there are thirty scholars in the district. It is said by some that there are more scholars than one teacher can properly care for in a district school. The same is said to be true of the North school, where a certain school shall be opened or

this is the case, there is reason for a division so that the scholars living within this district can come to a school where their parents would like to have them. Now we have been appropriating money right and left and hardly any objection has been made, and I believe if the citizens consider this matter carefully, they cannot fail to see the justice of this petition. Let us state the conditions. Suppose the parents here in the center were obliged to pack up their children and start them off for two and one-half or three miles to another school, not to be seen again until towards night. I have been told by two residents of this district that there are 28 children in that district that will attend this school, another says 26. Now is not this enough to establish a comfortable school, and should not assurance be provided to them that this school will be re-opened? A large part of them are living within sight of the school, and is it not reasonable to have their parents request that they may attend there so that they may have that care which children need at that age? Now I believe that the citizens of the town should each take this matter to himself and should ask, 'how should I feel if my children were packed up in that way and carried off three miles, not to be seen again until night?' They are very moderate in their demand. They are willing to put up with a great many privations in order to have their children near them. Now if it is true that these other two schools are larger than they can handle profitably with one teacher, is it not better to grant this petition and thereby arrest that bitter feeling that prevails in that district? There is another thing to consider, that is the moral aspect. It is said that it is demoralizing, both sexes packed in a barge, with many perhaps of the older ones using unchaste language. It seems to me that the question is one which ought to be considered. I believe the School Committee will do as the town directs, and I do not believe that the School Committee can overlook the real need when they appreciate the conditions as they exist. Now as I said, they are very modest in asking for \$500 for this schoolhouse. They are willing to undergo privation in order to have their children where they may see them, if this is not a reasonable request, I don't expect the town to grant it. I believe the citizens of the town will believe it to be such. I therefore move that \$500 be appropriated."

Judge Poor: "I desire to say that the argument of our genial representative would require us to have a school teacher in every home if carried to its logical conclusion. It is the misfortune, and must inevitably be the misfortune, of many families to live somewhat remote from the schoolhouses. It has been the policy of the school laws of this Commonwealth for many years to reduce the number of these outlying schools, on the belief that such policy is better for the children in every way. If in the two schools in the North district there are more scholars than one teacher can care for, it is plainly the duty of the School Committee to supply another, and if we should vote here today as my friend would have us vote, the School Committee would not be obliged to consider it. They are an individual body with the right to conduct the affairs pertaining to their body, and it is proper for this meeting to say that a certain school shall be opened or

closed, and it seems to me to be a mistaken policy that we should distrust them to do certain things, or to omit certain things, where the law has put upon them the entire responsibility. We may refuse to appropriate money for certain things. If these things for which we refuse to appropriate money are within their jurisdiction, they may go on and spend it in spite of us. Here is a case where they thought it wise to close a school. I trust this motion will not prevail."

Mr. D'Arcy: "I want to offer a substitute to the gentleman's motion. Let Article 6 be referred to the School Board. The argument used is that there are sixty scholars there. The gentleman proposes to take twenty-five away. Give them another teacher and have one good school."

Mr. Clark: "I don't think that the School Committee desires to antagonize any of the citizens. The question of the discontinuance of the school in that district came up some years ago. Would say that the conditions have been fairly stated. There are some features, however, which I feel are not distinctly understood by the citizens of the town. There is some question as to the condition of the building in the Abbott district. That was condemned years ago, when J. Newton Cole was chairman of the School Board. At that time it was felt that something ought to be done to build up the condition of the schools. There are thirteen or fourteen in the Abbott district, thirty in the Bailey district; a good-sized school if you take both Abbott and Bailey districts together. If you destroy what enthusiasm is created by numbers in a class, I say you are not getting ideal scholarship. As to the question of morals, I think you may trust the School Committee to look into matters of this sort. The question has arisen, but upon investigation the School Committee found that it arose at the school building and not in the barge. Now if you appropriate \$500.00 to put Abbott school into proper condition, I question if \$500.00 will do it; the building is not in the center of the district and some of the pupils will have to come one and a half or two miles. They will have to come that distance where they are now transported in the barge. Moreover, there is well at the Abbott school which has been unfit for use for many years and which is in my opinion a menace to public health. Now the School Committee is anxious to settle this matter. The School Committee do not want to take away any of the rights of the citizens of the town, but if you want to accommodate the people in the district you must move the building down between two districts, into a more central place."

Dr. Torrey: "The moral question is by far the most important one involved in this question. I think we are half-way between two policies. One policy is the concentration of the schools in that part of the town, with a good brick building such as we have on this side of the river, and unite these five schools into one school. That is one policy, and I believe it is going to be worked out in the future. Conditions are not the same today as they were a few years ago. The school at the North district is overcrowded. The school at the Bailey district is full. It was last fall. I thoroughly believe in this policy of one great school with a good brick building, but we can't have

that yet. I don't like this riding in the open barge. I don't believe it does the children any good, and if I had children to send to school there I shouldn't want them packed up and sent off in this manner. Ever since I have been on the School Board I have stood for opening the Abbott school."

Mr. Stone: "Personally I don't believe there is anything in this moral question. I have consulted with some of the parents to see what I could learn, and I got no information to confirm the stories, and if they did exist I should be among the first to relieve such conditions. Furthermore, it will cost the town not only \$500 for repairs, but \$500 for a teacher, and we will have to hire a janitor and look after the maintenance of the school, so that it will be nearer \$1,500 or \$2,000 than \$500, when all the bills are paid."

Mr. Boutwell: "Some members went to the committee, and the committee told them that the town should be petitioned, and they were willing to carry out the wishes of the town. Now upon another matter, it is said the scholars would have to walk a long distance (some of them). There are some thirteen that can go there in about a ten minutes' walk. Now that is true, and furthermore, several residents of that district have told me that they would sell and move out before they would send their children to the Bailey school. There is a good deal of feeling in the district, and I think the best policy is to reopen the school. We have been appropriating money right and left this afternoon, but what proportion of this money do we get up there. I hope the citizens will look at this in the light of common sense and grant this petition."

Mr. Lombard: "I want to know if we have any right to vote this question."

Mr. Smith: "I amend by referring to the School Committee."

Mr. Boutwell: "I do not accept that amendment."

The vote was called for and 76 voting in the affirmative and 44 voting in the negative, the motion was carried.

Article 7

To see if the town will vote to ratify and confirm a vote of the town authorizing an issue of \$10,000.00 Andover Sewer Loan bonds adopted under Article 18th of the warrant for the last annual town meeting, on petition of Board of Public Works.

Mr. Smith: "The town will remember that last year the town authorized the issue of Sewer Bonds to the amount of \$10,000, but the issue was not properly voted, as we discovered when we began the work on Lewis street."

Mr. Burns: "I remember distinctly what Mr. Smith now says about last year, because I made that motion, and I remember everything that he has said, and I move that this be accepted."

Ninety-one voted in the affirmative, none in the negative.

Article 8

To see if the town will vote to authorize the issue of \$10,000.00 of Water Loan bonds, the proceeds to be used for the extension and improvement of the water system, on petition of Board of Public Works.

Mr. Smith: "The main object of issuing these bonds is for purpose of

installing different pumping machinery. Our pumping at the present time has reached a point where it is beyond the capacity of one man to do all the pumping during the day's run. By the installation of oil engines connected to power pumps at a cost of somewhere from \$3,500 to \$10,000 we will get rid of the necessity of employing two men, saving \$800 a year in salaries and we will decrease the expenditure for fuel by about \$600. The object of calling for \$30,000 instead of \$10,000 is on account of our being obliged under the Act of 1908 to issue several bonds, Paying \$1,000 of the principal each year for 30 years by issuing \$10,000 we would find in a few years we were paying \$2,000 to \$3,000 each year and letting future generations derive the entire benefits."

Mr. Povo: "The way this gentleman spoke, he means to keep us in debt the rest of our lifetime."

G. F. Smith: "I would like to ask a question. Are all of these bonds to be sold at once?"

J. E. Smith: "The bonds are only to be sold as they are needed in the prosecution of the work."

Eighty-six voted in the affirmative, none in the negative."

Article 9

To see if the town will instruct the Board of Public Works to extend the water main from Lowell Street through Argilla Road to Andover Street, on petition of Albert Kimball and others.

Mr. Boutwell: "I have been asked to speak in favor of this article. The conditions there are such that it seems to me that if there is any place where the water needs to be extended it is down this street. The residents have been put to a great deal of inconvenience there this year and have had to drive their cattle to water, and they feel they are carrying this burden when the town ought to help them out. Last year, the water was extended in the south part of the town to a considerable extent. We of the West Parish are very moderate in our demands and hence we wish this article to be presented to the town to see if the town is not willing that the water should be carried upon this road. I think it is reasonable and just as it will pay two per cent on money invested. I therefore move that the Water Commissioners extend this line."

Mr. Smith: "I find that it needs 7900 feet of 8-inch pipe, at a cost of \$13,500. At a very high estimate the return is only enough to yield 9-10 of one per cent upon the cost."

Mr. Smith: "I move that we refer the matter to the Board of Public Works."

Mr. Boutwell: "Provided that they are instructed to proceed with this work."

Mr. Rogers: "I think this is one of the important questions before the meeting. Two or three years ago we passed the vote that two per cent had to be paid on the investment. I am in favor of water being extended. There is probably \$30,000 worth of real estate there. We run the risk of fire there. I am in favor of it. I think it is too bad for the people who live there to have to carry their water for considerable distance."

Mr. Burns: "It seems to me that the question of two per cent will

work out to a great hardship on many citizens, but it seems to me a question of necessity, not so much as a question of paying two per cent. There are many citizens on the outskirts who have heads of cattle to be watered. The outskirts have very little and it seems fitting to me that this question of two per cent income on the return from the water should be rescinded."

Mr. Jenkins: "I am in favor of extending this water. Every man pays his taxes, and to be deprived of water when it is within sight is not just. I don't believe we are going to be ruined if we don't get two per cent every time. I believe in justice, and I hope we are going to have this water extended this year. These are worthy citizens, these farmers, and if we must have water in our milk we want pure water."

Mr. Allen: "Would the water income be 9-10 of one per cent?"

Mr. Smith: "Nine-tenths of one per cent. I believe in the reference of the matter to the Board of Public Works. I agree with our friend that perhaps it is wise to do away with the two per cent vote. I have made pretty careful study of the needs and requirements of the Water Department, and I find that the town can spend \$9,000 a year on extending and new work. The minute they overstep these bounds they add greatly to the town debt and annual appropriation to care for that debt."

G. F. Smith: "I would like to ask if the amount that is appropriated annually is sufficient to care for the bonds when they finally mature?"

J. E. Smith: "The amount will be a very small matter in the final adjustment, simply a difference in interest figures."

J. W. Bell: "May I ask for an explanation, if the gentleman means the bonds that are being issued now?"

G. F. Smith: "I mean the bonds already issued."

Mr. Bell: "The bonds that are already issued will be taken care of, provided we can maintain the present rate of four per cent for interest. If we are cut down to 3-1-2 there will be a shortage."

Motion carried.

Mr. Burns: "I move now that this vote referring to a vote that was passed two or three years ago referring to a two per cent return be rescinded."

Mr. Cole: "I have no objection to that motion, providing it is in order. I feel doubtful if it is in order."

Mr. Burns: "It seems to me that it is incidental to this water question and not necessary to have it in the warrant, but this is a point of law which I do not wish to pass upon."

Mr. Cole: "I am personally in favor of rescinding this two per cent vote, but I don't believe it is properly before this meeting, not as a law point but as a parliamentary point."

Mr. Burns: "Do I understand it is necessary to have such an article in the warrant?"

Discussion with moderator.

Mr. Burns: "I don't wish to press the matter at this time, but it would be well to call the attention of the selectmen to it for next year's town warrant."

Mr. Cann: "I move that we proceed to take up Article 10."

Mr. Rogers: "Is there a motion before the house?"

Mr. Burns: "I now make the motion that the town counsel of the town of Andover be present at the town meeting hereafter. There have been questions raised which require a legal passing upon."

Mr. Cann: "I move Article 10."

Article 10

To see if the town will instruct the Board of Public Works to extend the water main on Abbot Street into Spring Grove Cemetery and provide a suitable place to draw water from the same, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, on petition of John H. Soehrens and others.

Mr. Soehrens: "I think this petition should be granted if for no other reason than for those who go to Spring Grove cemetery to put flowers on the graves of their loved ones. There is no water there to protect the buildings, and if they burn it will cost more to rebuild them. I move the water board put in the water."

Motion lost.

Article 11

To see if the town will instruct the Board of Public Works to extend the water main from "Chicken Hill" on Andover Street to the residence of Joseph Stanley on said street, on petition of George M. Henderson and others.

Wm. Wheatley: "We came here today willing to pay the two per cent that you require. We want the water there in case of fire. We want it and we are willing to pay for it, but if we don't get it now, we are going to keep on asking for it. This will require probably 1,500 or 1,600 feet of pipe to bring the water back. Now, gentlemen, you living here in the center have all the conveniences possible. Now take the gentlemen down there on the back road. What is the town bound together to help one another for, if it is not done? We don't come here as beggars, but are willing to pay you for what we want, and I don't think that as individuals you have the right to say that we should not have it. That is all tommyrot and not a just way of dealing with a question like this, and I don't think that I for one care to relinquish my rights to any man. Now, gentlemen, the Board of Public Works have figured that it would be necessary to use 8-inch pipe. There is no necessity for this at all. I think a 6-inch pipe would serve the purpose as well. The estimate of \$3,365 is exorbitant. They say that the digging will be soft. I may be mistaken, but I have reasoned the thing out fairly well myself. I think the Board of Public Works is too high. You say we have to pay two per cent. We are willing to meet you on that basis. I am not trying to predominate this meeting. We want what is just. We claim that an 8-inch pipe is too large. Estimate of \$3,365 is too high. Now, Mr. Moderator, I move that the Board of Public Works be instructed to make this extension."

Mr. Stanley: "I would like to know how much a 6-inch pipe would cost, and an 8-inch one."

Mr. Smith: "From \$3,365 the income would be \$24.00 per year."

Mr. Wheatley: "We can pay you two per cent. That is the income the Board of Public Works ask for. Each one of the families down there are willing to pay \$1.31 a week, giving in excess of regular rates to be sure to get the water. I don't see how you can deny the petition. How

much would the estimate be on a 6-inch main?"

Mr. Smith: "The cost of a 6-inch pipe would be about two-thirds the amount, or about \$2,200. I believe the Board of Public Works know more about this work than private citizens. Just here I would like to say a few words, and feel that I can say them now as a private citizen. The gentleman who has just spoken is a fair sample. He knows that they need a 6-inch pipe, he knows that the pipe is too large, and in fact, he knows more about this matter than the Board of Public Works. Now as to this question of being willing to pay two per cent, that guarantee is practically worthless, for to my certain knowledge, that property down there has changed hands three or four times within the last few years. Where are you going to get your two per cent from the man who sells his property. He does not take into account the need of 8-inch pipe to care for proper circulation. It would be the height of folly to lay a 6-inch pipe down there."

Mr. Wheatley: "I appeal to the citizens. I didn't claim to give my opinion from the standpoint of an expert. It was simply giving my opinion of the question as an individual. When I claimed that only a 6-inch pipe was needed, I did not do it officially, and the explanation about the necessity of an 8-inch pipe I accept. But as to our paying the two per cent. We are honest men and will do as we agree. I don't believe the gentleman will dare to call us a bunch of crooks."

Moderator calls for order.

Mr. Wheatley: "I did not come here to indulge in any personalities. I don't claim to know all about the subject, or all about everything there is to know, and when the gentleman pointed me out as a fair sample of knowing everything, it is not so. I don't proclaim to know everything; a man would be a fool to do that. And as I stated before, we are willing to meet the town and the Board of Public Works on the basis of two per cent. I think we have good reasons for getting our petition granted."

Mr. Rogers: "I sympathize a good deal with the petitioners in this case. At the same time, if he can guarantee the Board of Public Works the two per cent, let it be passed over to the Board of Public Works. Wish I could say as much for Article 7."

Mr. Wheatley: "I think the sentiment is well defined here this afternoon that the two per cent basis is unjust, but we will pay it until the town votes it down, and then by the grace of the Lord, we won't have to pay it."

A standing vote being taken, 5 voted in the affirmative, 36 in the negative.

Article 13

To see if the town will instruct the Board of Public Works to extend the water main from the corner of Woburn and Andover Streets to the residence of Charles C. Stickney, on petition of Charles C. Stickney and others.

Referred to Board of Public Works

Article 13

Mr. Boutwell opened discussion of this article, but no action was taken the meeting voting to adjourn to Monday evening, March 14, at eight o'clock.